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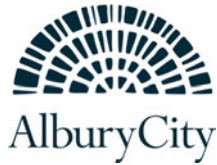
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Panel Members

Independent Forestry Panel

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Dear Panel Members,

Submission to the Independent Forestry Panel for the Development of the NSW Forestry Industry Action Plan

Thank you for providing the opportunity to make a submission to the Independent Forestry Panel's review on the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW.

AlburyCity recognises the importance the forestry industry contributes to Albury and the wider region's economic diversity and resilience. The Albury region is home to significant industry members including VISY, Australian Kiln Dryers, Hyne Timber, Opal, Carter Holt Harvey as well as many businesses in the broader supply chain. Charles Sturt University's Gulbali Institute is also located in Albury which provides valuable agricultural, water and environmental research.

Ensuring a sustainable supply of timber products is essential for addressing Albury's present and future housing needs. The Albury Local Housing Strategy has identified a requirement for approximately 4,454 additional dwellings to accommodate our growing population from 2021 to 2036. In addition, the construction industry ranks as Albury's third largest employer, supporting a workforce of more than 3,000, which underscores the forestry industry's indirect impact on the Albury economy.

As an active member of the Softwoods Working Group, representing the plantation-based forest and wood products in the South West Slopes of NSW, AlburyCity supports the key priorities raised in the Softwoods Working Group's separate submission to the Panel, being:

1. Grow the resource;
2. Address barriers to investment and productivity;
3. Efficient supply chain and processing; and
4. Prosperous and skilled regions.

We look forward to the Panel's consideration of our submission to ensure this important sector continues to benefit our region.

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Yours faithfully,

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