



# Media Release



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## FORESTRYSA WELCOMES AFS RECOGNITION

**ForestrySA welcomes the announcement that the Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) has now been recognised by Standards Australia as an Australian Standard®.**

ForestrySA Chief Executive Mr Brian Farmer says “ForestrySA cares for our forests and lands and demonstrates this through our certification to the Australian Forestry Standard (AS 4708)”.

“Our certification to the Australian Forestry Standard is the best way to demonstrate that our forests are sustainably managed” says Mr Farmer.

“Our aim at ForestrySA is to maximise the benefit to the environment from all our economic activities”.

“Our Forest Management System has enabled us to achieve and maintain our AFS certification”.

“The new standard allows for chain-of-custody processes that allow each of us who buy, to specify certified timbers and other forest products that are grown and harvested from sustainably managed forests” says Mr Farmer.

“It also allows our customers to label products derived from our forests as sourced from sustainably managed forests”.

ForestrySA is responsible for the management of approximately 70,000 hectares of plantations in South East Australia’s Green Triangle region as well as 14,500 hectares in the Mount Lofty Ranges and Mid North.

The Australian Forestry Standard will be revised on a regular basis and will assist all certified forest managers and owners in Australia to benefit from having sustainable forest management practices.

“ForestrySA has worked hard with the AFS over the past few years to develop the standard and we will continue to assist in its development” said Mr Farmer.

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