



# **TASMANIAN FORESTS & FOREST PRODUCTS NETWORK**

Southern Tasmania Industry and Community  
Consultation Forum

Regional Priorities Summary

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## Regional Priorities

Priority	Number of votes
Local value-adding/processing	21
Political opportunity exists now at local, state and federal level – various levels of government elections to be held in next few years – current government support is strong	18
Social acceptance of forest industries Forest management and uses at the Tasmanian landscape level (including across other industry sectors) + marketing/branding to encourage community support + coordinated simple messaging delivered by credible spokespeople	17
Efficient and cost-effective port access (also related to long-term port and rail access plan)	17
Infrastructure Investment Plan – Road/Rail/Port – Supply Chain efficiencies	12
Skills and training – a vision and a plan	10
Forest industries as part of the climate change solution (e.g. natural capital)	8
Identify compatibility and synergies with other industries e.g. agriculture/ tourism/biomass	7
Long-term port and road access plan	7
Incentives to replant – Energy Reduction Fund	7
Legitimate firewood supply system – utilising product from existing commercial operations and incorporating a chain of supply/accreditation mechanism	5
Invest in research and development	4
Climate adaptation – new species; carbon sequestration in Tasmania; bushfire risk/asset management; water/soil management	4
Stability – workforce/training and maintaining corporate knowledge + workforce strategy incorporating diversity – age/gender/ethnicity can lead to new ideas and community support	3
Promote group certification schemes for private native forest growers	3
Identify the future market – end product and how to get there	3
Active participation and leadership in a Tasmanian Workforce Development Plan	2
Integrated/organised marketing about range of products	2
Decrease cost of environmental/regulatory compliance	1
Shore up what already exists – processing capacity: Boyer/Southwood	1
United forest industries sector with pooled resources to optimise whole-of-industry outcomes	1
Efficient and reliable supply chain for markets	1
Enhanced 'wood encouragement policy' activation	1
Stable carbon policy – incentive to grow more trees	1
Encourage investment in the sector/downstream processing/local manufacturing	1

## Priorities with zero votes:

- Diversification: new products – post-COVID-19 momentum; new markets; geopolitical situation driving need for diversification
- Encourage 'whole-farm plan' integration of trees on farms
- Focus on finding logistical solutions across the value chain
- Land access
- Harvest/haulage costs
- Educate landowners
- Timeframes of investment – leases will work (i.e. Managed Investment Schemes)
- Provision of knowledge and support for stakeholders – incentives