



## Media Release

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### Forestry no cost solution to climate change

The National Association of Forest Industries (NAFI) says it has the solution to the dilemma exercising politician's minds in relation to finding a way to reduce emissions without applying some form of tax.

Australia's forest industry is the only industry in Australia that is renewable and carbon positive. "This means the more trees we grow, the more wood products we produce and the more energy we produce from our wood waste the more carbon emissions we can offset and the better it is for our environment and economy", said NAFI CEO Allan Hansard.

By 2020 the industry estimates that it can abate around 80 million tonnes of carbon dioxide a year, the equivalent of 20 percent of Australia's emissions target and we don't need a carbon tax to get us there, just recognition by Governments as to what our sustainable industry can deliver.

Forestry is nature's own solution to removing carbon from the atmosphere and Australia's forest industry is literally in the business of storing carbon for the long term. It is also a very simple solution that we can all adopt. We can feel good next time we eat off our Australian made timber dining table, knowing we are doing our part to address climate change.

As recognised by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), sustainable management of our native forests and plantations provides the best solution to managing our forests for climate change. It also provides superior outcomes for the environment, society and the economy, when compared to other alternatives.

"Forestry has a significant role to play in any future approach to climate change policy and we are willing to work with the Government, Opposition and the cross benches to show how it can work", said Mr Hansard.

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