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## **Acclaimed journalist Ellen Fanning to host AFPA's Gala Dinner**

ABC Radio National journalist Ellen Fanning will host the Australian Forest Products Association's (AFPA) 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial Gala Industry Dinner on Tuesday 12 September at the Great Hall in Parliament House.

Ms Fanning is best known for her work as an award-winning current affairs journalist. At 24, she broke new ground by becoming the first woman to host one of ABC Radio's national current affairs programs. Two years at the helm of PM were followed by several years anchoring AM on ABC Radio and serving as occasional host of ABC TV's 7.30 Report.



*Ellen Fanning*

She has interviewed every current and former Australian Prime Minister from John Howard to John Gorton and has met and interviewed world leaders from France, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Israel and the United States. Most recently, she has been a reporter for the Nine Network's 60 Minutes and is the joint host of the ABC nightly panel discussion program, The Drum.

AFPA Chief Executive Officer Mr Ross Hampton said, "Ellen has a wealth of experience and solid reputation as a current affairs journalist making her the ideal fit for hosting this event. She has extensive experience moderating political, business and community events in Australia as well as hosting award ceremonies for government, business groups and industry organisations over many years."

AFPA will host a dinner of over 500 from the full value chain of the industry and parliamentary friends of forestry who have shown dedication to the 'greenest' of industry sectors and its mission. Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott addressed the previous Great Hall industry dinner in 2014, and AFPA will announce the line-up of speakers for this year's dinner in the coming weeks. Group and individual tickets can be purchased via the AFPA website [www.ausfpa.com.au](http://www.ausfpa.com.au)

AFPA represents forest growers, harvesters, and manufacturers of timber and paper products.

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