

Media Release

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AFPA welcomes Federal Government commitment to buy only Australian made paper

In a major win for local jobs and manufacturing, the Federal Government has confirmed its commitment to local product and local jobs by sourcing Australian made paper.

Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA), Ross Hampton said, “This is an excellent outcome for Australia’s local paper manufacturing and recognition from the Government about the importance of using local, sustainably sourced paper product.

“It has been a long road to this outcome and without the dedication of advocates both inside and outside of the Parliament, it might not have happened. We especially thank CFMEU Manufacturing’s Michael O’Connor and numerous MPs and Senators from across the Parliament for working towards this policy change on paper supply.

“Thousands of Australians are employed in pulp and paper manufacturing, including at Gippsland’s Opal Australian Paper Mill. This decision not only helps secure jobs into the future, but is recognition of the great work our local industry does, creating jobs in regional areas and creating sustainable products from renewable sources.

“AFPA and a range of stakeholders will keep a close eye on the Federal Government supply sources and work to encourage all levels of government to source locally made, sustainable paper,” Mr Hampton concluded.

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