

Media Release

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Forest Industries congratulate Suzette Weeding: Winner! Woman in Forest Industries Award of Excellence: 2021 National Forest Industry Awards

Australia's forest industries congratulate Sustainable Timber Tasmania's (STT) Suzette Weeding on winning the Midway Woman in Forest Industries Award of Excellence, at the National Forest Industry Awards – organised by the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA).

Suzette has been a long-valued member of Australia's forest industries, from her beginnings in forest practices and environmental management and having progressed into an established and inspiring executive.

As General Manager for Conservation and Land Management with STT, Suzette works alongside her team to navigate complex issues which often require significant public attention and scrutiny.

Recently, Suzette was appointed as Chair of the Gottstein Trust, a national educational trust for the forest and forest wood products sector.

Suzette is a director of the International Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), a leading alliance of national forest certification systems which includes Responsible Wood in Australia. She has developed a reputation for solid, thoughtful, and soundly based contributions to the workings of the Board and the success of PEFC and is highly valued by her co-directors.

Suzette also sat on the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) working group developing the Australian FSC standard and is a steering committee member of the Launceston National Institute of Forest Products Innovation and her extensive involvement with industry groups includes membership of the Tasmanian State Fire Management Council and the Forest Practices Advisory Council.

AFPA CEO Ross Hampton said, "On behalf of Australia's forest industries I warmly congratulate Suzette in receiving this terrific award. She was selected from an amazing group of applicants, all of whom would have been deserving winners. It just shows how lucky we are to have so many fantastic women working across Australia's forest industries. Congratulations Suzette!"

Integrated forestry business Midway has sponsored the award and CEO Tony Price said it was terrific to have such a strong field of women nominate for the prize. "We know forest industries have come a long way championing our women and I'm thrilled we had a such a

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strong field of contenders. Congratulations to Suzette and all of the applicants who are doing our industries proud in their diverse range of roles.”

The National Forest Industry Awards are organised by AFPA.



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