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Forest industries pay tribute to outgoing FWPA Managing Director Ric Sinclair

Australia's forest industries pay tribute to outgoing Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA) Managing Director Ric Sinclair who has announced his resignation after his 13 years in the role, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA), Ross Hampton said today.

"Ric has been a committed servant to forest industries, not just during his time at FWPA, but ever since his early career in forestry. More recently though on the research and development front, Ric has led FWPA through a large number of programs and areas of forest industries research that have been critical in allowing our industries to grow, develop and innovate. He has also overseen the development of the 'Ultimate Renewable' brand," Mr Hampton said.

"Alongside all of the R&D and marketing work, Ric has led FWPA through challenging periods, including major market fluctuations, significant bushfires and COVID closures.

"Ric will leave FWPA in good hands with the company having recently signed a new 10-year funding agreement with the Federal Government along with the development of a strategic plan.

"Myself personally and all of Australia's forest industries look forward to working with Ric in the next stage of his career – because we know he still has a lot to offer," Mr Hampton concluded.

Prior to joining FWPA, Ric spent seven years in the grocery and food industry where he worked in operations, corporate finance and strategy roles.

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