

## Media Release

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### Forest industries welcome new Federal Shadow Ministry

The Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) welcomes Senator Jonno Duniam's continued forest industries focus, through his new role as Shadow Minister for the Environment, Fisheries and Forestry in the Federal Opposition's newly announced Shadow Ministry, Chief Executive Officer of AFPA Ross Hampton said today.

AFPA also welcomes new Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Nationals Leader David Littleproud, Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy Ted O'Brien, Shadow Minister for Trade Kevin Hogan and Shadow Minister for Industry Sussan Ley as holders of portfolios critical to forest industries.

We also congratulate Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Tony Pasin, who has been a key advocate for our sector as Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Forest Industries.

Ross Hampton said, "The Albanese Government has its mandate and AFPA will support its policy and funding delivery for forest industries, but effective oppositions are also essential for effective governments.

"Having previously been Assistant Minister for Forestry, Jonno Duniam understands the enormous potential of our industries and what they need to continue to succeed in creating sustainable products and tackling climate change.

"Shadow Minister Duniam's new role in the environment portfolio will also help our industries in recognition of our clear role in helping Australia and the world's environment.

"Shadow Ministers Littleproud and Hogan are well acquainted with forest industries having dealt with AFPA for industry advancement when in Government. We look forward to working with Shadow Minister O'Brien on realising forest industries' potential to help Australia play its part in the global climate change fight.

"AFPA congratulates the new Dutton Shadow Ministry and will work with the Opposition, as we will with the new Albanese Government to ensure Australia reaches the one billion trees by 2030 goal to put timber on the shelves and help us all meet our climate mitigation potential," Ross Hampton concluded.

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