

Media Release

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AFPA committee drives transport safety initiatives

The Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) Growers Chamber's *Work, Health and Safety Subcommittee* (WHSS) has helped drive two new initiatives to improve safety across forest industries transport.

The initiatives, funded under Round 7 of the Federal Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVSI), managed under the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NVHR), include:

- A *ForestWorks* project to develop two new projects to support adoption, implementation and compliance with the Log Haulage Code of Practice, including, a set of education videos and an updated Log Haulage Manual.
- A *Livestock, Bulk and Rural Carriers Association* (LBRCA) project to develop new cases studies and modules for the Heavy Vehicle Rollover Awareness Program (HVRAP) as well as updating existing modules, including one forestry specific, log, chip and wood products module and around specific rollover awareness.

AFPA's Forest Industry Safety Manager Amanda Bell said the WHSS had a key role in each successful proposal.

"The WHSS helped develop each of the two successful HVSI proposals and forest industries will certainly benefit from them," Amanda Bell said.

"It's important the WHSS continues to be involved in shaping these national initiatives to ensure they're as relevant as possible for Australia's forest industries which rely heavily on safe transportation of timber, fibre and the many essential products our industries create."

AFPA's Acting CEO Victor Violante welcomed the newly funded initiatives, which are expected to be completed in 2023.

"I congratulate ForestWorks and the LBRCA on developing these new initiatives and thank the AFPA Growers Chamber's WHSS for their work. Safety is the number one priority of our industries and we can only improve with effective collaboration on new initiatives like these."

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