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# AUSTRALIA'S SUSTAINABLE NATIVE TIMBER INDUSTRIES

## A SNAPSHOT



## DID YOU KNOW OUR NATIVE TIMBER INDUSTRIES...



EMPLOY MORE THAN 20,000 AUSTRALIANS, MOST OF THEM IN REGIONAL COMMUNITIES



CREATE THE APPEARANCE GRADE HARDWOOD TIMBER PRODUCTS LIKE DECKS, STAIRCASES, AND HIGH-QUALITY FURNITURE



HARVEST ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF AUSTRALIA'S 132-MILLION-HECTARE NATIVE FOREST ESTATE, USING THE EQUIVALENT OF JUST 6 TREES OUT OF 10,000 ANNUALLY



REGENERATE AND REGROW EVERY HARVESTED AREA, SO EVERY TREE USED, IS REPLACED



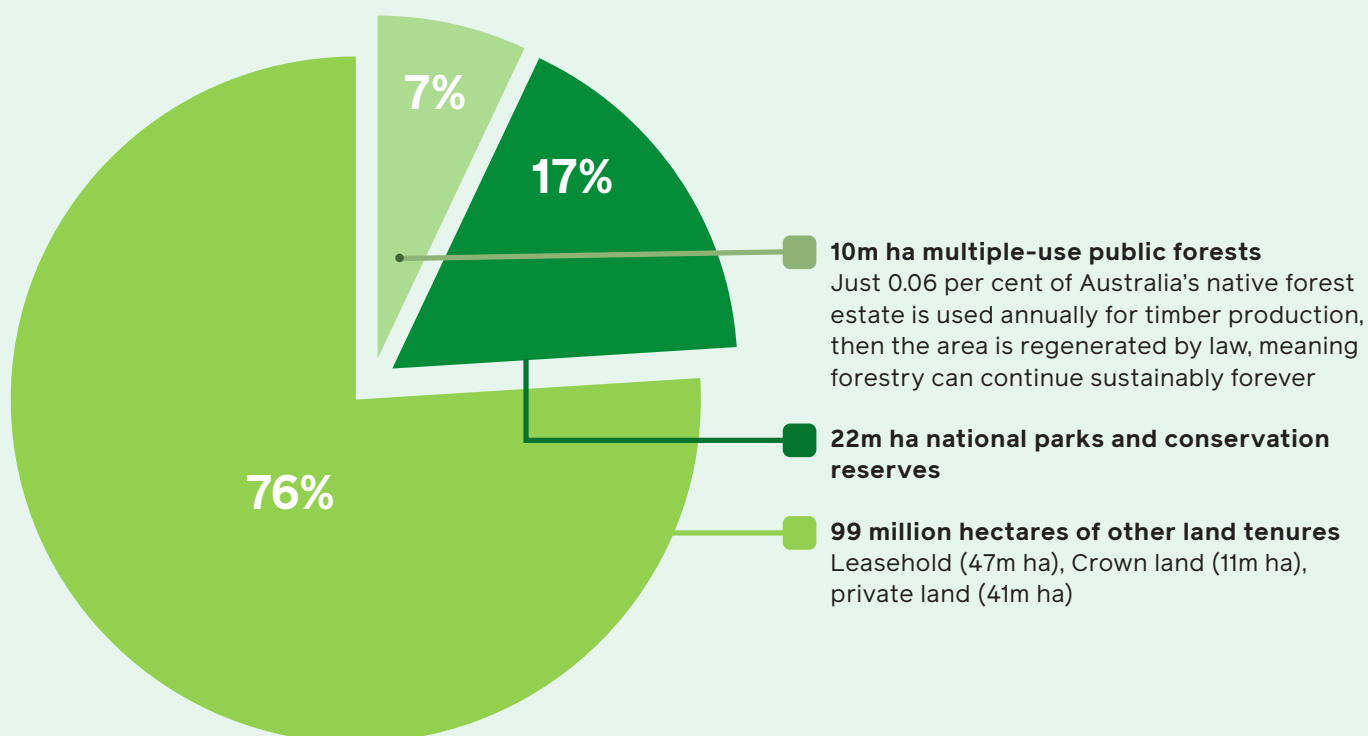
ARE STRICTLY REGULATED TO THE HIGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS IN THE WORLD AND OPERATE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN REGROWTH FORESTS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN HARVESTED



ENSURE WE DON'T HAVE TO IMPORT MORE WOOD FROM COUNTRIES WHOSE FORESTS ARE AT HIGH RISK OF ILLEGAL LOGGING AND DEFORESTATION

## AUSTRALIA'S NATIVE FOREST ESTATE

MULTI-USE PUBLIC FORESTS (WHERE TIMBER HARVESTING OCCURS) COMPRISE JUST 7 PER CENT OF AUSTRALIA'S 132-MILLION-HECTARE NATIVE FOREST ESTATE





## SUSTAINABLE TIMBER-PRODUCING FORESTS ARE THE BEST WAY TO STORE CARBON

A forest managed sustainably for timber production is the best way to store carbon in the long-term.

The 4th assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the advisory body to the United Nations), states:

***“A sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while producing an annual sustained yield of timber, fibre or energy from the forest, will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit”***

### THE INTERNATIONAL SEAL OF APPROVAL FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

All Australian native forestry industries are certified under the PEFC international forest certification standard, operating as Responsible Wood in Australia. More than 80 per cent of the world's timber-producing forests are not certified.







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AFPA is the peak national industry body representing the resources, processing, and pulp and paper industries covering the forest products value chain.

AFPA represents all elements of the value chain from the sustainable harvesting of plantations and multiple use natural forest resource including forest establishment and management, harvesting and haulage, processing of timber resources and manufacture of pulp and paper.