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TCA congratulates SEFE on 40 years

Timber Communities Australia (TCA) today congratulated the staff, management and joint venture partners, Nippon Paper Industries and Itochu, of South East Fibre Exports (SEFE) in Eden on their achievement of 40 years of continuous business.

“SEFE are to be congratulated on achieving this significant milestone often in the face of misinformation, illegal blockades and outright lies by so called greens groups, conservationists, green celebrity activists and green politicians” Jim Adams CEO of TCA said today.

The facts remain that over 80% of forested areas in the South East of NSW are in reserves on one sort or another precluded from management and including all areas considered as containing high conservation values during the Regional Forest Agreements.

As well it should never be lost sight of that the material that supports this business is the residue of sawlog harvesting operations required to meet Australia’s structural grade timber markets which if not sourced locally from the very small percentage of Australia’s forests that are available for sustainable management, would be imported probably from unsustainable operations elsewhere in our region and adding to Australia’s trade deficit in timber products.

Guests at a function over the weekend to recognise the 40 year milestone were told that in that time the SEFE business had generated around \$1.9 billion worth of exports from the region and that of this approximately 90% or \$1.7 billion had been invested in Australia, much of it in the Eden and surrounding region.

“TCA recognises and congratulates SEFE on this achievement and the contribution it has made to the sustainability of the many communities and families it has and continues to support in the region” Mr Adams said today.

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