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TIMBER COMMUNITIES AUSTRALIA WELCOMES THE ALP FOREST POLICY

Timber Communities Australia (TCA) the National Grassroots organisation that supports and represents families and communities relying on timber and timber products for their viability, today welcomed the ALP Forest Policy announcement.

“At this stage it looks pretty good and we are keen to continue working closely with Kevin Rudd’s office to ensure that **all** social impacts are taken into consideration whilst implementing this policy if there is a change in Government.

It is vital to TCA that we remain steadfast in our earlier announcement of **NO JOB LOSSES & NOT ANOTHER HECTARE OF PRODUCTION FOREST IS LOST.**

We are also extremely keen for the solid commitment to the Plantation industry and industry development program. TCA is aware that without industry investment there can be no growth in our communities. We need to have Government commitment to our families and communities so that we can ensure that there will be jobs and careers for our children and grandchildren in the future”. said Jill Lewis CEO of TCA

“Likewise the establishment of a Forest and Forest Products Industry Skills Council is a positive step forward.

We have a huge trade deficit in our forest and forest products and TCA believes that it is the responsibility of any Government to look at opportunities to try and turn that deficit into a positive”. added Ms Lewis

TCA intends to follow this announcement closely.
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