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GREEN TRIANGLE COMMUNITIES THE BIG WINNERS WITH PORTLAND PORT ANNOUNCEMENT

Communities within the Green Triangle are the big winners with the recent announcement by plantation companies to construct a world scale woodchip export facility at the Port of Portland in Victoria said Timber Communities Australia today.

“The foresight and unity of plantation companies ITC Limited, Timbercorp and Great Southern will not only create jobs in construction and harvesting but also bring a sense of certainty to the communities on both sides of the border”, said Mrs Kersten Gentle, Green Triangle Co-ordinator for national grassroots community organisation Timber Communities Australia (TCA).

“This project and others such as Southwest Fibre’s Chipping facility in Myamyn near Heywood proves that the plantation industry is in the region for the long term which gives confidence to businesses and communities to invest into their future”, said Mrs Gentle.

“It is not only people that work in the industry that benefit from this long term investment but social infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and community groups like sporting clubs and emergency service organisations”, Mrs Gentle said.

“This is the best example of city investors investing into the future of rural communities and highlights that trees do in fact grow communities”, concluded Mrs Gentle.

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