

# Forestry Business Transition Support



\*Go to [www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance) to see what other support the Victorian Government can offer

\*\*Eligible businesses must:

- hold a current VicForests Timber Supply Agreement; or
- hold a Forest Produce Licence issued by VicForests; or
- are a timber harvest and / or haulage business with a current VicForests agreement

## Frequently asked questions?

### **I don't believe I can transition from the industry. What can I do?**

VicForests will ensure security of supply, meeting existing contractual obligations and negotiating new sawlog contracts for all mills to mid-2024. From mid-2024 to 2030 a competitive process will be used for timber allocation.

The Forestry Business Transition Voucher program will provide eligible businesses with support to better understand their business capabilities, options and strategies for transition. This will be achieved by providing intensive support to equip businesses with options and strategies for transition.

### **Do I have to be leaving the timber industry to access the Forestry Business Transition vouchers?**

**NO**

Transition planning vouchers of up to \$25,000 are available to forestry businesses that are directly affected by the Victorian Forestry Plan to access transition support to start planning for the future.

The vouchers provide access to approved professional business services companies to prepare a business diagnostic or develop a business transition plan.

The first significant step down in native timber availability occurs in mid-2024. The period between now and then should be used by mills and timber harvest and / or haulage businesses to make decisions about their future.

### **Am I required to complete the Forestry Business Transition Voucher program to access the Victorian Timber Innovation Fund grant or Regional Growth Fund grant?**

**NO**

You can access the Timber Innovation Grant and the Regional Growth Fund without completing the Forestry Business Transition Voucher program, however, the Forestry Business Transition Voucher program is focusing on planning for your business transition and future.

Although the Forestry Business Transition Voucher program is not a mandatory requirement to access these grants we encourage affected businesses to participate in the Forestry Business Transition Voucher program.

### **My business is not directly affected by the Victorian Forestry Plan, but we work in the forestry industry. What funding is available to my business?**

To discuss business support, contact the Victorian Forestry Plan hotline on **1800 318 182** or email [victorianforestryplan@djpr.vic.gov.au](mailto:victorianforestryplan@djpr.vic.gov.au)

### **I work for a forestry business directly affected by the Victorian Forestry Plan, what support is available to me?**

For information regarding worker support contact the Victorian Forestry Plan hotline on

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