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### **FIFWA welcomes Minister's commitment to industry**

THE Forest Industries Federation WA (FIFWA) has welcomed Forestry Minister Jackie Jarvis' commitment to working with industry to develop a process for businesses seeking to transition to the new Forest Management Plan (FMP).

This week marked the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Native Forestry Transition Group (NFTG), formed after the State Government's decision to end native forestry by the end of 2023.

FIFWA Chief Executive Officer Adele Farina said it was a strong turning point to have Minister Jarvis' commitment to working with businesses moving forward.

"Minister Jarvis has agreed to work with FIFWA to develop a transition process from the current FMP to the new FMP, providing clarity and certainty for timber processors and buyers," Ms Farina said.

"We see this as a positive step and welcome the commitment, with a collaborative approach being far more productive for both government and industry."

Ms Farina said she hoped a committee or working group would be established, tasked with developing and communicating a clear transition process from the current FMP to the new FMP.

The committee would involve both government and industry representatives, which Ms Farina said was critical.

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#### **About FIFWA**

Forest Industries Federation WA (FIFWA) has been representing the interests of the Western Australian timber industry since 1895. The industry is a key driver of economic activity and jobs in Western Australia, contributing \$1.4 billion to the WA economy and creating about 6000 jobs in WA, with more than 90% of those in regional areas. The industry employs careful and comprehensive management policies to ensure WA's forests are sustainably managed. Less than 1% of the total forest area is harvested annually, with the area harvested then replanted. In 2001 WA became the first state to abolish harvesting old-growth forests.