

# Timber Supply Chain Resilience Package

November 2023

In May 2023, the Victorian Government announced that harvesting of native Victorian hardwood from State forests would cease on 1 January 2024.

The Timber Supply Chain Resilience Package provides support to eligible businesses that currently process native hardwood sourced from Victorian state forests to manufacture products such as (but not limited to) flooring, staircases, furniture, doors, windows, architectural features, cladding and pallets.

## Impacted Manufacturers Stream:

Manufacturers who derive between 5% and 40% of the business's material inputs from native Victorian hardwood can apply for a \$3,000 grant to access support from their preferred qualified service provider, i.e., accountant, tax agent or lawyer. Applications close 30 April 2024.

## Highly Impacted Manufacturers Stream:

Manufacturers who derive at least 40% of the business's material inputs from native Victorian hardwood, or over 40% of revenue is derived from sales of products made with native Victorian hardwood, can apply for up to \$25,000 worth of business transition planning services. Eligible recipients may then be invited to apply for a business transition grant of up to \$120,000. Applications close 30 April 2024.

To apply, read the guidelines, eligibility and FAQs please visit <https://business.vic.gov.au/timber-supply-chain>.

If you have questions, please contact the team [industrytransition@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:industrytransition@ecodev.vic.gov.au) or call the Business Victoria hotline **13 22 15**.

Impacted timber mill workers or businesses, or those in the harvest and haulage industry will be supported through alternative programs being delivered as part of the wider Forestry Transition Program. For more information visit the Forestry Plan webpage (<https://djsir.vic.gov.au/forestry/support/business-support>).