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VicForests report focuses on oversight and transition

The Victorian Parliament's Economy and Infrastructure Committee has today tabled its report into VicForests operations.

The Committee has made seven recommendations that include more robust oversight mechanisms and improved management of timber contracts.

"I believe that to ensure the long-term sustainability of jobs, the forest, fibre and wood products industry would benefit from improved management and accountability from VicForests," said Committee Chair Bernie Finn.

"We need more robust planning by the Victorian Government for the long-term transition of the industry. We also need ongoing transparency and accuracy around supply of timber so that the industry has a clear understanding about what they can achieve in any given period."

The Committee has recommended that the Victorian Government work with VicForests and the Forest Industry Taskforce to establish an industry transition plan focusing on use of plantation timber.

"The forest, fibre and wood products industry directly employs around 21,000 people across the State and indirectly supports another 40,000 to 50,000 jobs through 'flow on economic activity'. A lot of people depend on the future of the industry." Mr Finn said.

"There is an immediate need to ensure that jobs remain secure. Those Victorians whose jobs in the industry are in jeopardy, and their communities, should be supported through their transition into other work."

The report is available from the Committee's [website](#).

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