

Media Release

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Sustainable Timber Tasmania's 2024-2025 Annual Report released

Sustainable Timber Tasmania's 2024–2025 Annual Report was tabled in the Tasmanian Parliament today, highlighting another year of strong performance and meaningful progress.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Greg Hickey said the report reaffirms the organisation's long-term commitment to sustainably managing Tasmania's public production forests and supporting the communities and industries that depend on them.

"Sustainable Timber Tasmania has delivered another strong year, demonstrating the dedication and resilience of our people and the communities we work alongside," Mr Hickey said.

"Together, we've supported and delivered a diverse range of forest values - including recreation, tourism, public access, apiary, and the conservation of Tasmania's unique environment. These are outcomes the community has every right to expect – delivering lasting value that goes beyond financial returns."

Annual Report Highlights

To be attributed to Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Greg Hickey:

Forest harvesting

"This year Sustainable Timber Tasmania facilitated the harvesting of \$1.2 million tonnes of product for processing in Tasmania, including 138,000 cubic metres of eucalypt sawlogs and 6,859 cubic metres of special species timber in support of the industry."

Forest regeneration

"In 2024–2025, we sowed 100 million locally sourced native seeds as part of our regeneration program and achieved a 99.5% regeneration success rate across assessed areas. This strong result reflects the skills and dedication of our teams and our commitment to maintaining the health and continuity of Tasmania's forests for future generations."

Economic contribution

"Sustainable Timber Tasmania has now operated profitably for eight consecutive years. In the 2024–2025, we recorded a total comprehensive income of \$4.8 million, and a net profit after tax of \$5.8 million."

"We paid \$109 million to 544 Tasmanian businesses and over \$45 million to our harvesting and haulage contractors, continuing our strong support for regional economies."

Community access and recreation

"Sustainable Timber Tasmania manages Permanent Timber Production Zone land not only for sustainable forestry, but also a wide range of community uses - including recreation, beekeeping, bushwalking, hunting, tourism and fishing."

“In 2024-2025, we supported 249 apiary sites across Tasmania, contributing to the state’s honey and pollination industries. We also facilitated 704 leases, licences, and easements, and completed 102 forest activity assessments to ensure safe and sustainable community use of public production forests.”

“Our forest road network – spanning more than 10,000 kilometres – continues to enable access for community, industry, recreation and tourism. During the year, 24 kilometres of new forest roads were constructed to support safe and sustainable use of the forest estate.”

Bushfire management

“Protecting Tasmania’s communities, forests and infrastructure from bushfire remains a core responsibility and a year-round focus.”

“In 2024–2025, our trained firefighters attended 57 bushfires and completed 13 planned fuel reduction burns, covering more than 2,000 hectares.”

“We also supported broader bushfire mitigation efforts, providing 334 person-days of skilled firefighting personnel across 23 operations led by other agencies through the Tasmanian Fuel Reduction Program.”

“This year, 77 Sustainable Timber Tasmania firefighters contributed 6,700 hours to the West Coast Complex bushfires, alongside the Tasmania Fire Service and Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, with 20 of our firefighting contractors contributing an additional 1,200 hours.”

“Our ongoing investment in AI fire detection cameras is delivering strong results, enabling faster response times and positive outcomes for our resources, climate, and community.”

Innovation and carbon

“In 2024-2025, Sustainable Timber Tasmania led or participated in 31 research projects valued at \$14.2 million, in collaboration with 25 national partners and nearly 100 researchers across Australia.”

“These projects are helping to improve forest practices, product development, climate adaptation and ecosystem resilience – shaping the future of Tasmania’s forests and the industry that supports them.”

“Our carbon mandate delivered tangible benefits, with four carbon projects covering 2,000 hectares and generating 26,496 carbon credits.”

Thank you

“Sustainable Timber Tasmania’s achievements extend beyond financial results – they reflect the commitment of our employees, contractors, customers, Shareholder Ministers, our Board of Directors, and the broader Tasmanian community.”

“We sincerely thank all those who have supported and engaged with us throughout the year. Your ongoing collaboration and trust have been instrumental in helping us deliver our goals and make meaningful progress.”

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