

## Media Release

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### **Timberlink's NeXTimber facility to drive generational change in the built environment**

The South Australian Forest Products Association has hailed the commencement of construction on Timberlink's \$60 million NeXTimber facility in Tarpeena in the State's South-East as the first step on the road to transformative change in the way we build the buildings of the future.

South Australian Forest Products Association CEO, Mr Nathan Paine, said this new state-of-the-art facility will not just drive job creation, it will deliver more sustainable engineered wood products and will also be Australia's first combined Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) and Glue Laminated Timber (GLT) manufacturing plant.

"South Australia's forest products industries are already building the nation through growing and processing 35 per cent of the nation's locally produced house framing timbers, 25 per cent of the nation's particle board and now this new facility will deliver CLT and GLT products that offer a greener, more sustainable alternative to steel and concrete in mid and high-rise construction projects," Mr Paine said.

"Each year, the South Australian plantation estate sequesters 4.64 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e from the atmosphere, making timber the Ultimate Renewable. The CLT and GLT timber products that will be processed by NeXTimber will provide carbon negative mass timber products for use in mid and high-rise constructions helping create a cleaner, greener future.

"This project, with the support of the South Australian Government through the Regional Growth Fund is another step to a cleaner, greener future and will demonstrate the capacity of the South Australian forestry industry to drive new manufacturing jobs that not just deliver new products but also generate new employment in the State's South-East.

"The support of the Regional Growth Fund and the private investment it catalyses is a clear demonstration of the positive outcomes that can be achieved through targeted support from Government. As part of SAFPA's State Election Platform, we are calling on all political parties to support quarantining funding in support of new domestic manufacturing projects, projects that will support employment and economic growth in the region, Mr Paine said.

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