

Media Release

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SAFPA welcomes the use of SA products for SA public homes.

The South Australian Forest Products Association (SAFPA) strongly congratulates the Malinauskas' Government on their policy to mandate products manufactured in South Australia to build South Australia's public homes.

"This is a big win for manufacturing industries in South Australia, particularly the forest industries, giving such sectors a boost of confidence and recognition by the State Government", said Nathan Paine, Chief Executive Officer of SAFPA.

"Timber frames are a core manufactured product in South Australia that supports our residential construction and building industries, and we are pleased that locally grown trees will be building and refurbishing affordable public homes for South Australians", continued Mr Paine.

"The South Australian forest industries processes about 35 per cent of Australia's structural house framing timber and about 25 per cent of the nation's particleboard, and its great news that this policy will support our domestic manufactured product over imported product thereby support local jobs".

"Not only will this initiative be supporting forestry, but it will be supporting job creation in our regions, our local and state economy and most importantly, our regional communities who rely on thriving forest industries", said Mr Paine.

"Also, with Timberlink expected to complete their new CLT and GLT plant in Tarpeena this year, it will secure the South East as one of Australia's leading timber manufacturing regions, unlocking further economic activity for the region".

"SAFPA are pleased to welcome the State Government's announcement and look forward to supplying South Australia's building and construction industries with our locally grown timber", concluded Mr Paine.

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