

Media Release

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Successful Parliamentary Friends of Forestry

Last night's Parliamentary Friends of Forestry networking event was a great success for South Australia's forestry and timber sectors.

Shining a light and raising the importance on South Australia's forestry industries amongst Members of Parliament from all political persuasions was an essential initiative for the South Australian Forest Products Association (SAFPA).

"Over the last 12 months, our industry has garnered significant recognition by the State and Australian Governments, and the Parliamentary Friends of Forestry event was a clear example of just how well-supported the forestry sector is by our Parliamentarians", said Mr Nathan Paine, Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Forest Products Association (SAFPA).

"This event secured the attention of Ministers, Shadow Ministers, Members of Parliament and their staff, and allowed forestry business leaders to share their stories and connect with the decision and policy makers of our state", continued Mr Paine.

"Despite the significant Government investment in forestry over the last 12 months, there are still barriers and challenges within our industry that need to be addressed", said Mr Paine.

"Voicing our needs and requirements directly to our State representatives is paramount for our industry, and adjoining industries, to thrive and build regional communities", continued Mr Paine.

"SAFPA and South Australia's forest industries would like to thank co-convenors, The Honourable Reggie Martin, MLC and The Honourable Nicola Centofanti, MLC, for hosting this important event in the Old Chamber at Parliament House in Adelaide", said Mr Nathan Paine, Chief Executive Office of SAFPA.

"Having their support, along with the Minister for Forestry Industries, has been core in our advocacy for the industry, and we look forward to continuing our important work and promoting the diversity of our beloved forestry sector with our Parliamentarians", concluded Mr Paine.

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