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Please select your interest/s with extending the RFA

- Forest management system
- Resource certainty
- Research and development
- Threatened species
- Comprehensive Adequate and Representative reserve system
- Heritage values
- Socio-economic data
- Value of industry
- Employment figures

Other interests (please list)

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What research and development priorities are important to Tasmanian forestry industry stakeholders?

A more comprehensive understanding of the arts-based Special Timbers manufacturing sector, and the range and configuration of species of timber they seek, eg whole log, billet, slab (inc. wane edge), sawn, root boule, grown shape, crotch section, etc. noting that even within sub-sectors requirements vary widely.

Regular assessments of the contribution of various industry sectors to the Gross State Product. Understanding the potential impact of new developments in timber use, such as that of CL T (Cross-Laminated Timber) will have on the building design and construction sector and subsequent national domestic demand.

What socio-economic data and analysis is important to Tasmanian forest industry stakeholders?

An update of the Tasmanian Special Timbers sector report, 2009, (Bishop & Farley), outlining number of participants in the sector, and their economic contribution.

A mechanism for calculating the multiplier effect on employment and economic contribution of all sectors of the timber industry, throughout both the regional and rural areas and the metropolitan areas.

How could the governments improve outcomes-focused monitoring and reporting on threatened species and biodiversity, as part of extending the Tasmanian RFA?

By listing the Tasmanian Special Timbers woodworker as a threatened and endangered species, studying their circumstances, and reporting on changes.

By regular reporting of the area available for timber harvesting that has been lost by the creation or upgrading of reserves, and that lost to wildfire over time, and at regular intervals, compared to that lost to harvesting and regeneration rotations from the beginning of the RFA.

What other improvements could be made to the RFA framework?

By creating an alert trigger that calls upon state and federal governments to publish a statement when any major event or proposal removes or seeks to remove area of forest in hectares and by forest type and value of resource, pointing out its impact on the legislated commitment and requiring a durability test, and requiring that statement to be read to both houses of state and federal parliaments.