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Wanted: Sustainable solutions for forest residue material

ForestrySA is on the hunt for new zero-waste options for forest residue material, in a bid to create regional economic growth and further enhance the sustainability credentials and negative-zero target of its operations.

Up to 25,000 tonnes of green resource is underutilised following harvest operations in ForestrySA plantations across the Mount Lofty Ranges each year.

ForestrySA is now seeking new, creative and innovative ways to better use this resource and maximise opportunities for carbon sequestration, circular economy and negative zero outcomes, and the private sector is being invited to play a leading role.

ForestrySA Acting Chief Executive Michael Hanton said as a leader in responsible plantation management for 150 years, all trees in the ForestrySA estate are replanted following harvest, allowing for sustainable timber production into the future.

“Growing trees actively removes carbon from our atmosphere and stores it for life,” Mr Hanton said.

“This carbon-storing superpower makes the forest industry a green option across the entire supply chain - from the moment a tiny pine seedling goes into the dirt, until it is turned into a sustainable product like furniture or house frames.

“And while we’re thrilled to be a key player in the fight against climate change, we cannot rest on our laurels. There is always room for improvement.”

Mr Hanton said creating an environmentally, socially and economically responsible use for forest waste was the only way forward.

“Sustainable industry activity is important to us, our neighbours, stakeholders and forest visitors,” he said.

“We are calling on our industry partners and community to think outside the square and help us create viable new options for this low-grade material.

“We look forward to seeing what ideas are out there and further enhancing our already ‘clean and green’ forest industry!”

Submissions are now being invited via www.forestrysa.com.au/doing-business-with-us/request-for-proposal/ and close 5pm, Friday 8 September 2023.

For official documents, terms, conditions and more information, visit our website.

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