



INDUSTRY FACTS AND FIGURES: SOUTH WEST

Victorian Green Triangle region

- The Green Triangle's forest industry is based primarily softwood and hardwood plantations within south west Victoria and south east South Australia, as well as processing of wood and fibre imported from other parts of Victoria and Australia.
- In 2015-16, the industry contribution to Gross Regional Product in the region was
 - **\$181.4 million In 2015-16 in the Victorian Green Triangle, and**
 - **\$203.6 million in the Central West Region**
- The Victorian Green Triangle region has **611 direct jobs in the timber and forestry industry**: 537 jobs in in forest management and primary processing, and further 74 jobs in secondary processing This represents:
 - **1% of the employed labour force of the region;**
 - **4% of all Victorian timber and forestry industry jobs.**
- There are an estimated **719 flow-on jobs in the Victorian Green Triangle**, generated in other industries to service demand generated by the timber and forestry industry.
- In a survey of Green Triangle residents, 67% of respondents in Glenelg and Southern Grampians thought that the forest industry was important to their local community.

Central West Victoria

- The timber and forest industry in western Victoria, excluding the Green Triangle is primarily, softwood and hardwood plantations and and a small amount of native forest harvesting within the Western RFA region.
- The Central West region has **1677 direct jobs in the timber and forestry industry**: 650 jobs in in forest management and primary processing, and further 1027 jobs in secondary processing This represents:
 - **0.5% of the employed labour force of the region;**
 - **11.1% of all Victorian timber and forestry industry jobs**
- There are an estimated **954 flow-on jobs in Central West Victoria**, generated in other industries to service demand generated by the timber and forestry industry.
- A total of 1,639 Victorian jobs rely on logs harvest from native forests and 30- 40 jobs of these rely on timber from forests in the West RFA region

Employment in key Local Government Areas²:

LGA	Total jobs in timber and forestry	Jobs in Forest Management and Primary Processing	Jobs in Secondary Processing	% of employed LGA labour force	% of all Victorian Industry jobs	% of all Victorian Green Triangle jobs
Glenelg Shire	328	324	4	4	2.2	4

¹ Information from Schirmer *et al.* (2017) Socio-economic impacts of the forest industry – Green Triangle

² Information from Schirmer *et al.* (2018) Socio-economic impacts of the forest industry – Victoria (exc the Green Triangle)

Southern Grampians Shire	189	172	17	3	1.3	3
Warrnambool City	75	40	35	0.5	0.5	-
Colac-Otway	427	405	22	4.5	2.8	-