



## VICTORIA'S PLANTATIONS AT A GLANCE

### PLANTATION AREA

The Victorian commercial plantation estate is the largest of any state or territory, with approximately 422,000 hectares of hardwood and softwood plantations. Total area has remained stable since 2007, in common with plantations across Australia as a whole. About 100 hectares of new plantation have been established since 2015.

### EMPLOYMENT

Victorian plantations are estimated to support **3431 direct jobs** in management, harvest, haulage and primary processing. This represents approximately 60% of all Victorian jobs in these sectors. An estimated **7,208 jobs are generated by flow-on activity** in other industries as a result of demand generated by the plantation sector.

### HARDWOOD

**Plantation area:** 197,500 hectares

**Primary species:** Blue gum

**Key region:** South West (Green Triangle)

**Management:** approx. 12-year rotation

**Products:**

Pulp and paper-based products such as:

- High quality paper
- Packaging

Lower quality sawn products including pallets

### SOFTWOOD

**Plantation area:** 223,400 hectares

**Primary species:** Radiata pine

**Key regions:** South West (Green Triangle), North East, Gippsland.

**Management:** approx. 30-year rotation

**Products:**

Timber products such as:

- Moulding Plywood
- Chipboard
- Structural and framing timber

Pulp and paper-based products such as:

- Newsprint
- Toilet paper
- Tissue paper
- Packaging