

# Media Statement

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## Bunnings ends sourcing timber from VicForests

### Comments attributable to Phil Bishop, Bunnings Director, Merchandise:

Bunnings has a zero-tolerance approach to illegally logged timber that dates back two decades and our commitment is to only source timber products from legal and well managed forest operations.

We have long supported VicForests' efforts to pursue FSC Controlled Wood certification by 2020 and its roadmap to get there.

However, in light of the recent legal finding that VicForests has breached the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014, we will be discontinuing all sourcing of timber from VicForests and will no longer be accepting raw material input into our supply chain from VicForests as of 30 June.

While we only sell a small portion of VicForests' total harvest, we acknowledge this decision may have an impact on the industry and we are working closely with affected suppliers on a transition plan.

Ultimately, we believe that customers and team members have the right to expect that the timber they purchase is sourced from responsible and lawful forestry operations.

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