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EWPA WELCOMES NEW FOREST & WOOD PRODUCTS AUSTRALIA CEO

Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia (EWPA) joins many other timber product industry voices welcoming the appointment of Andrew Leighton as the new Forest & Wood Products Australia (FWPA) Chief Executive Officer.

EWPA's Chief Executive Officer, Gavin Matthew said, "Andrew has significant previous experience and a strong knowledge of the issues affecting our renewable timber product industry supply chain and regional communities across Australia."

"Andrew takes on this important leadership role at a critical time with very high demand for our essential products, a worldwide push for reduced emissions and renewable products, and COVID impacts continuing to disrupt supply chains."

"The timber product manufacturing sector produces many innovative, reliable, and renewable products that should be recognised as preferred building materials in a low emissions future. There is much to be done but we are confident Andrew will hit the ground running, using his understanding of our timber product industries, and backed by the great work done by the FWPA team and the previous CEO Ric Sinclair."

"EWPA is keen to work with Andrew and his team to undertake quality industry R&D, progress standards and codes development, educate the market, grow our forest product industries, and increase recognition of our renewable timber products," Mr Matthew concluded.

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* **About EWPA.** *Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia (EWPA) is a member association for manufacturers of a broad range of engineered and solid wood products located throughout Australasia, including Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.*

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