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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Celebrating national Forestry Day 2024**

National Forestry Day is a chance to celebrate Australia's renewable forest industries and the thousands of people who manage, protect, sustainably harvest and regenerate our working forests.

Australian Forest Contractors Association General Manager Tim Lester said forestry is a 'yes and' industry that promotes sustainable land management, thriving rural and regional communities and renewable resources for essential everyday items.

"This year's National Forestry Day theme is Celebrating Nature's Carbon Store. This is a great reminder that trees are the best, most efficient and only commercially-viable technology at scale to take carbon from the atmosphere and sequester it into stable and useful forms," Mr Lester said.

"Australia's working forests for softwood and hardwood are well regulated and well managed. Our forest contracting businesses and workforce are highly skilled and experienced, providing a vital link in the supply chain.

"We should all be rightly proud of this amazing industry that provides so many benefits and that touches the lives of every one of us every single day.

"Happy National Forestry Day 2024!"

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