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A3P and AFG reaffirm strong working relationship

Leading industry councils A3P and the Australian Forest Growers (AFG) have today reaffirmed their strong working relationship, by re-signing their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and re-iterating their joint belief for the need for a united industry approach towards policy advocacy, at the annual A3P Members Forum held in Sydney.

Representing A3P, CEO Mr Neil Fisher said, "The re-signing of this MoU highlights our already cooperative relations and formalises our shared approach towards policy advocacy for the greater good of the industry."

AFG represents the private forest growing sector, including farm foresters and corporations including the managed investment scheme companies. AFG Chief Executive Mr Warwick Ragg said "We are pleased to be reaffirming this important alliance with A3P, we look forward to continuing our close working relationships."

Mr Fisher said "The partnership between A3P and AFG has benefited both private forestry and commercial tree growing interests, through to the plantation products and paper industry sectors. It ensures we have the best processes to provide a united approach to the Australian Government.

"Our objectives are similar – a strong, profitable and sustainable industry supported by sound Government policy."

A3P and AFG first signed a MoU in August 2004, this is the second renewal of a two year agreement.

Commenting on the importance of the partnership, Mr Ragg added "Tangible demonstrations of how our two organisations work constructively together for the benefit of our diverse membership base is the implementation of the Forest and Wood Products Australia and the development of an industry bio-security plan for the plantation forestry sector."



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