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## A3P hosts consultation to ensure whole of industry inclusion in 'Forestry and Climate Change Action Plan'



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A3P, the peak body representing the plantation products and paper industry, has brought together over 60 representatives from the forestry sector, both industry and government from Australia and New Zealand, for the first industry consultation workshop to shape the direction of the Forestry and Climate Change Action Plan, a report to help industry respond to climate change.

A3P CEO Mr Neil Fisher said "I am extremely happy with the content that was discussed; it has aided us to hear and act on the input from across whole of industry."

Presenters at the workshop, held in Melbourne, included Dr Michael Battaglia, CSIRO, Mr Colin Stucley, Bioenergy Australia, Mr David Rhodes, New Zealand Forest Owners' Association and Mr Bryan Smith, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and covered issues including:

- Adaptation to Climate Change
- Bioenergy
- Harvested Wood Products
- International Issues

Representatives from the New Zealand industry were in attendance to discuss ways in which to strengthen the Australia and New Zealand forestry sector relationship, to better improve current methods, and to learn from each others previous experiences.

The Forestry and Climate Change Action Plan is a project funded by the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). Initial projections for the plan outline five major streams that it will cover:

1. Information and Communication – including an assessment of the existing greenhouse footprint of the industry.
2. Adaptation – including prioritised information requirements; an audit of existing information and current initiatives that will deliver further information.
3. Mitigation – including opportunities for greenhouse gas mitigation in emissions trading.
4. Bio-energy and bio-refineries – an assessment of current research and development initiatives (Australian and overseas).
5. Preparing industry to address threats and opportunities – a focussed and practical distillation of the actions needed to manage the risks and capitalise on the opportunities for the industry and for greenhouse mitigation.

To view the presentations from the Forestry and Climate Change Action Plan workshop please visit <http://www.a3p.asn.au/news/Action%20Plan%20workshop.html>

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