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## **Central Victoria's action plan for private forestry**

Central Victoria has a new action plan to address private forestry development issues.

Australia's Forestry and Conservation Minister, Senator Eric Abetz, who launched the plan, *Planting for a Sustainable Future*, today, said the plan recognised and incorporated state and national policies on the direction of forestry, and looked at them in a regional context.

"Planned and appropriately managed forestry can provide great social, economic and environmental benefits," Senator Abetz said.

"This plan will help position new forests to meet multiple demands and make sure the forests fit in with the ambitions of the communities where they are located."

The Australian Government contributed \$69,000 to the plan's development through the *National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality*.

Senator Abetz congratulated the regional stakeholders who had contributed to its development. They included the Central Victorian Farm Plantations and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.

"Central Victorian Farm Plantations will play a critical leadership role in implementing the action plan and ensuring its wide application and success," he said.

"I wish them every success in creating a private forestry industry that contributes to and is supported by the community, and makes a contribution to the health of the region's landscapes."

Central Victorian Farm Plantations is one of 21 Private Forestry Development Committees around Australia. Private Forestry Development Committees are jointly funded by the Australian Government and relevant state governments.

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