

## Private Forestry Development Committees in ‘the Paddock’ National Workshop – Katanning Western Australia – September 2005

Private Forestry Development Committees are supported by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australia under the Natural Heritage Trust program in partnership with the various State Governments and are supported by the forest industry, and the community of land managers, to promote opportunities for private forestry development in 21 regions across Australia. At the Australian Forest Growers Policy Forum in October 2005 Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, the Australia Government Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation announced investment of \$3.4 million over the next two years to provide continued regional based support for the growth of sustainable private forestry via the Private Forestry Development Committees.

70 Private Forestry Development Committees Executive Officers, Chairs, Committee members and other industry stakeholders and guests from across all forestry regions of Australia, gathered in the regional township of Katanning in south west Western Australia in September 2005 for the annual National Private Forestry Development Committee workshop. The 2005 workshop focused on the opportunities for farm and commercial scale forestry in medium to low rainfall environments.

Topics for discussion included community perceptions and engagement, landholder adoption of farm forestry practices, partnerships between the industry and regional natural resource management agencies to address salinity management and diverse and innovative land management solutions for farmers in low rainfall areas.

The workshop also provided an opportunity for knowledge sharing, networking, team building, reflection on success, building opportunities for the future and breakfast at the Katanning sheep sales. The workshop report is available from the Executive Officer of Timber2020 and workshop coordinator Julia Levinson. [jlevinson@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:jlevinson@agric.wa.gov.au)



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Brekky at the sheep sales – 14000 sheep in the yards (the sheep are below)!

