



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MINISTER MEETS AND GREETES LOCAL FORESTERS**

Victorian Treasurer, John Lenders, took time out from this week's Community Cabinet in Victoria's North East to visit staff at VicForests' Ovens office.

VicForests, the business arm of the Forestry in Victoria, is responsible for the management of commercial activity in Victorian State forests.

The visit was part of a series of community forums and community and business meetings as part of the formal Cabinet meeting.

VicForests works closely with Government departments including the Treasurer's Office, the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Department of Primary Industries.

VicForests' CEO, David Pollard, thanked Minister Lenders for visiting the Ovens office.

"The visit allowed staff to talk to the Minister about the issues they face on a daily basis working in the field. Staff members discussed the impacts that further reductions to the forest industry would have on VicForests and the industry, among other topics discussed," he said.

"Minister Lenders was interested in learning about how staff determine schedules including coupe viability and haulage distances. The visit was a success and was topped off with morning tea featuring local produce."

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