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Bunnings' decision will cost Victorian jobs and hurt families

VicForests is disappointed and deeply concerned by Bunnings' decision yesterday to no longer stock sustainably sourced Victorian timber from VicForests.

This decision has put up to 170 regional jobs in jeopardy, many of which had already been impacted by this summer's disastrous bushfires, Coronavirus (COVID-19) and illegal protest action.

Bunnings' claims its decision is based on the initial ruling of the Federal Court on the Friends of the Leadbeater's Possum case. VicForests will appeal this verdict once final orders are issued by the court.

VicForests reiterates that its management of native timber harvesting, in conjunction with Victoria's strict environmental regulations, ensures that it meets the highest standards of forest management.

Bunnings' claim that it is "working closely with affected suppliers on a transition plan" is disingenuous given their decision is effective immediately.

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