

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — SAWLOGS

**1184. Hon LOUISE KINGSTON to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the closure of the native timber industry in Western Australia and its impact on south west communities.

- (1) Does the Forest Products Commission have enough supply of sawlogs to meet contractual obligations for all sawlog deliveries until the end of the year?
- (2) If yes to (1), how long until the supplies will be depleted following the closure of the native timber industry from 2024?
- (3) What mechanisms will be in place to ensure sufficient supply of sawlogs in 2024 and beyond?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The Forest Products Commission continues to work with customers who have supply agreements to meet their needs.

The Cook government's historic decision to end native forest logging under the next forest management plan will move from practices that are based on commercial timber production to ecological thinning based on forest health outcomes. Continued commercial logging of our iconic native forests is not environmentally, socially, or economically sustainable. Under the next forest management plan, native hardwood timber will be available for local manufacturers through mine site clearing and ecological thinning operations.