

MEDIA RELEASE

Tasmanian Minister for Resources visits Timberlink's Bell Bay Facility

Timberlink was pleased to welcome the Tasmanian Minister for Resources, Felix Ellis MP, to Timberlink's Bell Bay manufacturing facility on Friday 12th May 2023.

The Minister toured Timberlink's wood-plastic composite manufacturing plant, which will be the only facility in Tasmania to manufacture these products. This plant will manufacture upcycled decking and screening products using post-consumer plastic waste which is granulated and provided to Timberlink by a 3rd party. The plastic is mixed with Tasmanian plantation pine residues from Timberlink's own Bell Bay facility such as sawdust and shavings. This new decking and screening brand is expected to be launched in June 2023, and production later this year.

Timberlink EGM Sales, Marketing & Corporate Affairs, David Oliver, said 'Not only will this facility be the only one in the state of Tasmania to manufacture wood-plastic composite products, but it will also make Timberlink Tasmania's only vertically integrated wood products producer.' The facility will play a vital role in increasing Australia's sovereign capacity to manufacture wood-plastic composite products, reducing reliance on imports.

Timberlink's wood-plastic composite plant will be powered by a combination of rooftop solar and Tasmanian hydro power, while rainwater will be harvested and stored to be used for cooling in the manufacturing process.

While at the facility, Minister Ellis observed Timberlink's new finger-jointed and primed outdoor products line, which has been partially supported by a \$1,063,304 grant from the Tasmanian Government's Department of State Growth On-Island Processing Program. The line is expected to be completed in late 2023. David Oliver said 'Timberlink is pleased to launch Australia's only finger-jointed and primed outdoor products manufacturing facility in late 2023, and to play such a significant part in reducing Australia's need for imported timber.'

Minister Ellis thanked Timberlink for its role in contributing to Tasmania's circular economy, creating jobs and flow-on effects for the state.

'Timberlink's Bell Bay operation is a key part of Tasmania's modern and sustainable forestry sector and is among the country's largest softwood mills and a major local employer,' Minister Ellis said.

'It was a pleasure to visit the site and hear of the mill's plans for the future.

'We are committed to seeing forestry in Tasmania continue to grow and thrive and look forward to continuing to work with Timberlink.'



Minister Ellis inspecting the site of the new finger-jointed primed H3 timber facility.

Left to right: Timberlink EGM Sales, Marketing & Corporate Affairs David Oliver, Minister Ellis, Timberlink Bell Bay Facility Manager Scott Freeman

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About Timberlink Australia & New Zealand

Timberlink (timberlinkaustralia.com.au, timberlinknz.co.nz) is a leading Australasian timber products manufacturing business. The business has two sawmills at Bell Bay (Tasmania) and Tarpeena (South Australia) that manufacture plantation structural pine products. Timberlink has sales and distribution teams based in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne and sales teams based at their Bell Bay manufacturing facility and Blenheim sales office. Aligning the Timberlink business with forest resources enables the company to have a long-term committed approach to its business and customers. Timber manufacturing is a carbon negative industry. For every cubic metre of dry finished timber produced, 699 kg

of carbon dioxide is drawn from atmosphere and retained in the timber over its entire lifetime.

Timberlink is a part of an integrated softwood forestry business that is managed by New Forests, a sustainable real assets investment manager headquartered in Sydney. Founded in 2005, New Forests has more than AUD 9.95 billion in assets under management globally, across more than 1,100,000 hectares of forests, rural land, and conservation investments. Learn more at www.newforests.com.au