

New opportunities for private foresters



• At a Australian Forest Grower's field day were (left): Justin and Candice Wood, Marcus Casey, Karen Stonjek, Eva Down, Tony Stonjek and Greg Williams.

THE State Government believes its recently announced plan for the native forest industry will provide new opportunities for the private sector.

Resources Minister Guy Barnett visited the North-East this week and said that private companies will be offered the chance to harvest trees from the Future Potential Production Forests earlier to help meet the legislated wood supply

requirements.

"We will look to the private forest estate to support efforts to deliver 137,000 cubic metres of high quality sawlog each year," Minister Barnett said.

"Private forest managers, growers and harvesters – such as AKS Forest Solutions Pty Ltd – are supportive of the Government's plan not only because it provides more opportunities for growth, but

also greater certainty."

AKS Forest Solutions director Tony Stonjek who has a long association with the North-East said the announcement would help his business.

"This will give us an opportunity to expand what we already do by being able to access markets that we maybe couldn't access before and also gives us a sustainable resource," he said.

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