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## Media Release

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### **Planting timber trees will secure NSW's housing construction future and help NSW achieve net zero by 2050**

The Australian Forest Products Association NSW (AFPA NSW) says growing NSW's plantation estate is key to solving the state's timber house frame shortage and reducing emissions to support the NSW Government's goal of net zero by 2050.

"Growing the plantation estate is vital for addressing our sovereign capacity for producing house frames in the state," AFPA NSW CEO Sue Grau said.

A landmark [report](#) by Master Builders Australia (MBA) and AFPA released today shows that NSW will be 50,000 house frames short by 2035. This is equivalent in size to Wagga Wagga and Tamworth combined.

"In addition, growing timber trees and then storing carbon in the wood products used in building homes is one of the best ways to fight climate change.

"We welcome the NSW Government's commitment to halve carbon emissions by 2030. It's an important reminder that the wood and timber products we use every day, and growing the trees used to make them, are some of the best ways to achieve this goal.

"It's important our industries promote our many benefits so that it's obvious we need new plantings of the right trees, at the right scale and in the right places," Ms Grau concluded.

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