

# Richard Colbeck spearheads key sessions at Launceston conference

## DANA'S timely update on plantations, sawmills, exports and woodchips

FRESH from announcing the National Forest Industries Plan in Canberra, Senator Richard Colbeck, as minister responsible for forestry, will deliver the opening keynote address at the DANA Australian forest and wood products conference in Launceston on October 9.

The conference and field trip in and around Launceston from October 9 to 11 is shaping up to better the eight previous DANA-organised conferences in Australia.

Main 'topics of the day' will be addressed by 21 speakers and panellists over 1½ days, followed by a 1½-day field trip to hardwood plantations, log and woodchip production mills and export ports, with visits to major softwood and a hardwood sawmills.

Senator Colbeck was returned as Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources in the new Morrison government.

Joining the first-day panel of speakers is NZ-based Steve Walker, director, China



**1/ DANA conference keynote speaker Senator Richard Colbeck (right) with Shawn Britton, manager, Britton Timbers (left), and Guy Barnett, Tasmania Resources Minister, at the announcement of the National Forest Industries Plan in Canberra.**

**2/ Steve Walker... wood supply to China.**



National Forest Group, who will discuss his huge and growing company, which has been charged with ensuring China can source enough wood supplies to cover its huge wood deficit.

The group supplies over 1 million cub m a year of softwood logs from Australia to China. It is well advanced in constructing eight new very large wood import and manufacturing complexes

across China

Also on the opening day panel are AFPA's Greg McCormack, chair, and Ross Hampton, CEO. Mr McCormack will focus on major issues confronting the Australian forest and wood products industry and the

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recent value of collaborating with the farming sector.

Day 2 keynote will be London-based Dr George Goroyias, senior principle at Poyry Management Consulting, who will speak on a new way to forecast log price, and enable better forest asset and industrial investment decisions.

Long-time senior executive Peter Zed will address the scale of the looming and possibly semi-permanent shortage of pine resources to service the Australian building and construction sector.

The conference and field trips have attracted wide Australian and international attention and registrations are filling fast so DANA advises industry book now for the event while there are still seats available.

Registration details, conference program, field trip, sponsorship options and other information are available at <https://danaevents.co.nz/2018tas/>

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