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Institute of Foresters of Australia Forester of the Year Award 2006

The Minister for Forests last night announced Peter Beatty as the winner of the Institute of Foresters of Australia's Forester of the Year Award 2006.

At the Forest Industries Federation of Western Australia's Annual Dinner Peter Beatty was recognised for his excellent community involvement work ensuring the security of timber communities relying on a viable and sustainable forest industry.

"Mr Beatty's dedication to the timber industry and its communities exemplified his calm approach to the different and difficult situations that the timber communities find themselves in." said David Wettenhall, Chairman WA Division, IFA.

Mr Beatty who is employed by the Forest Products Commission, has dedicated his adult life to forest and land management, with a special interest in farm forestry and the communities associated with them. His breadth of experience and networks of professional and community contacts has allowed Mr Beatty to communicate across the full spectrum of the forestry sector.

Mr Beatty is a national director of the Australian Forest Growers, and honorary Secretary of the IFA WA Division. He has been a consistent driving force behind the IFA and the Foresters Wood in Manjimup. He is on the board of the Manjimup LCDC.

Timber Communities Australia Coordinator, Tish Campbell said "Mr Beatty continually walks the extra mile to ensure the security of timber communities relying on a viable and sustainable industry".

"Mr Beatty is a most worthy recipient of the WA Forester of the Year Award for 2006" said Ms Campbell.

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