2026 Forest Valuation Summit

30 – 31 March | Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne

Join us for the 2026 Forest Valuation Summit, a 2-day event bringing together forest sector leaders, valuers, investors, and stakeholders to explore the future of forest valuation in Australia. The Summit will feature the launch of the **first Australia New Zealand Forest Valuation Standard**, an initiative of the New Zealand Institute of Forestry and Forestry Australia, with the support of Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA). The broad program will also include critical themes such as market dynamics and carbon valuation – and underscores the growing importance of natural capital valuation and climate disclosure transparency in strengthening Australia's economy, investment confidence and long-term financial resilience.

Day One | Monday 30 March

07.30	**Registration, arrival tea & coffee**
09.00	**#1: Opening Session & Official Launch** **Proudly supported by** FWPA Forest & Wood Products Australia **Welcome to Country** **Introduction** Keith Lamb, Summit Convenor **Setting the Scene** Prof Rodney Keenan, The University of Melbourne **Launch of the Australia New Zealand Forest Valuation Standard** James Treadwell, New Zealand Institute of Forestry Dr Michelle Freeman, Forestry Australia
10.30	**Morning tea**
11.00	**#2: History and Overview of the Valuation Standard** **History and Overview of the NZIF FVS** Bill Liley, New Zealand Institute of Forestry **Australia Overview and History** Keith Lamb, Araucaria Advisory **Trends in Valuing Land Under Forests** Alex Thamm, CBRE **Sectoral Collaborative Work Supporting Forest Valuations** Jodie Mason, FWPA
12.30	**Lunch**

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13.15	**#3: Good Practice in Forest Valuation** **Good Governance** Keith Lamb, Araucaria Advisory **Incorporating Future Rotations into Forest Valuations – Why Does it Occur and How Do We Manage It?** Bill Liley, New Zealand Institute of Forestry **Managing Uncertainty in a Valuation** Andrew Morton, Indufor **Treatment of Land in a Forest Valuation** Jessica Brown, Margules Groome **Forest Valuations – An Audit Committee Perspective** Brian McGlynn, Malpine
15.00	**Afternoon tea**
15.30	**#4: Incorporating New Components – Natural Capital** **Valuing Forest Assets Under Carbon and Climate Uncertainty: Global Trends and Observations in relation to Australia & New Zealand** Nick Ping, Manulife Investment Management **Monetising Eco-System Services** Ross Hampton, International Sustainable Forestry Coalition **A Decade of Forestry Natural Capital Accounts – Reflections from Forestry England** Dr Eleanor Tew, Forestry England **Natural Capital Accounting for Forest Estate Management** Ziggy Gelman, IDEEA Group **Getting Forestry Natural Capital onto Balance Sheets** Rayne van den Berg, Value Australia **Panel discussion and Q&A:** - Ross Hampton, International Sustainable Forestry Coalition - Daryl Killin, Killin Management - Andrew Morgan, SFM - Carl Obst, IDEEA Group - Nick Ping, Manulife Investment Management - Rayne van den Berg, Value Australia
17.25	**Day One Wrap Up** Keith Lamb, Summit Convenor
17.30	**Day One sessions conclude**
17.30 – 21.00	**Casual networking dinner**

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Day Two | Tuesday 31 March

08.00	**Registration, arrival tea & coffee**
08.50	**Day Two Welcome & Introduction** Keith Lamb, Summit Convenor
08.55	**#5: Incorporating New Components – Carbon and Environmental Plantings** **Carbon Standard – Australia Exposure Draft** Andrew Morton, Indufor **Valuing Forest Carbon in New Zealand: The NZIF Carbon Valuation Standard** James Treadwell, New Zealand Institute of Forestry **How Regulatory Assurance is Supporting Investment in Forest Carbon** Shakir Rahman, Clean Energy Regulator **Case Study: The Tiwi Island Project** Tony McKenna, Midway
10.45	**Morning tea**
11.15	**#6: Climate Related Financial Disclosures** **Global Timberland Portfolio Perspective** Michael Barbara, J.P. Morgan **The Big Picture – AASB Perspective** Jack Bisset, AASB **What is CRFD and Why is it Important?** Glen Rivers, Consultant
12.15	**Lunch**
1.15	**#7: Climate Related Financial Disclosures (cont.)** **CRFD Case Study: Implications for Reporting Entities** Emily Simso, New Forests **CRFD Reporting Obligations and Implications for Forest Owners and Managers** Alexandra White, Deloitte **Extended panel discussion and Q&A** *covering Sessions 6 & 7*
14.45	**Afternoon tea**
15.15	**#8: The Future of Forest Valuation: Data, Technology and Global Best Practice** **Quantifying Biophysical Risk to Estate Value in a Changing Climate** Dr Jonathan Dash, Margules Groome

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	Forest Valuation: How Much Data is Enough? Dr Jim O'Hehir, Forestry Centre of Excellence, Adelaide University **Insuring Forest Assets in a Changing Risk Landscape: What Underwriters Need from Valuations** Alexa Mayer-Bosse, Munich Re
16.00	**#9: PANEL | The Future of Forest Valuation: Data, Technology and Global Best Practice** **Panel and Q&A** • Phoebe Baker, Clean Energy Finance Corporation • Michael Barbara, J.P. Morgan • Dr Lyndall Bull, Lynea Advisory • Andrew Morton, Indufor
17.00	**Summary and Wrap Up** Keith Lamb, Summit Convenor
17.10	**Closing Remarks and Thanks** Jacquie Martin, Forestry Australia
17.15	**Event concludes**