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## 12% Increase in Post-consumer Wood Recovery

The National Timber Product Stewardship Group (NTPSG) is well on its way to achieving the goal of one million tonnes wood recovery per annum following the recording of a 12% increase in the 2006-07 financial year. The recovery of post-consumer wood is estimated at over 530,000 tonnes in 06-07 up from 474,000 when it was previously measured.

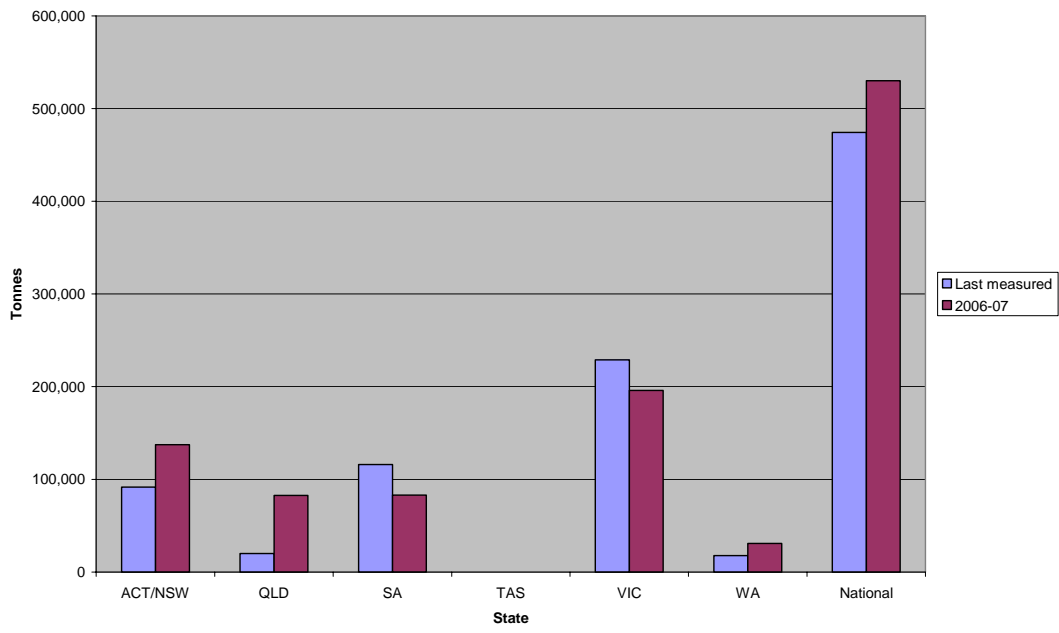
The NTPSG comprises representatives from timber industry associations and companies from across the supply chain including forest growers, manufacturers, timber preservers, importers, wholesalers and retailers, with input from NSW and Queensland state government representatives. The group focuses on the recovery of post-consumer timber and wood products for reuse, recycling and as a source of renewable energy as well as maximizing the environmental benefits of wood products at the end-of-life stage.

The figures are good news as a 7% average annual increase is what is needed to achieve the target of one million tonnes waste recovery per annum by 2017.

Peter Juniper, Chairman of the group, said "This large growth in the placement of post-consumer timber away from landfills is most encouraging. While in its early stages, we believe our *Timber - More Life* national product stewardship strategy is proving an effective incentive for achieving our target of one million tonnes."

"Companies involved in recycling, re-use and renewable energy markets are to be congratulated for their contribution towards this goal."

Companies in ACT/New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia were the main contributors to the increase as all improved their recovery over the time period. The increases appear to be a combination of more facilities recycling timber in NSW, stronger demand for renewable fuel in Queensland and more recycling of post-consumer construction and demolition timber in Western Australia. Data gathering, by state governments and Compost Australia, has also improved in nearly all states.



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# MEDIA BACKGROUND

## What is the National Timber Product Stewardship Group (NTPSG)?

Membership of the NTPSG comprises representatives from the Australian Plantation Products and Paper Industry Council (A3P), National Association of Forest Industries (NAFI), Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia (EWPAA), Timber Preservers Association of Australia (TPAA), Carter Holt Harvey Wood Products, Forests NSW, Osmose Australia, Arch Wood Protection and Timber Queensland as well as importers, wholesalers and retailers of timber and wood products. Representatives from the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change and Queensland's Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry assist the NTPSG. The Timber Development Association of NSW (TDA) provides secretariat and project management services to the NTPSG.

## What are the objectives of the NTPSG?

- Double the recovery of post-consumer timber and wood products for reuse, recycling and energy to 1,000,000 tonnes per year by 2017;
- Optimise the positive environmental outcomes from the disposal of residual post-consumer timber and wood products;
- Have the industry recognised as achieving these objectives

## What's the website address?

[www.timberstewardship.org.au](http://www.timberstewardship.org.au)

Further Graph's

## *Post-consumer Timber Recovery Data 2006-07*

State / Territory	Source / Stream	Data Year	Waste Timber Recovered (tonnes)
ACT/NSW	Organics	2006-07	67,001
NSW	C&D	2006-07	70,278
QLD	Renewable Energy	2006-07	50,000
	Organics	2006-07	32,760
SA	Renewable Energy	2006-07	68,846
	Organics	2006-07	14,255
TAS		2006-07	Nd
VIC	All	2006-07	196,000
WA	Organics	2006-07	20,900
	C&D	2006-07	10,000
<b>National</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>530,060</b>

**Table 1: Post-consumer Timber Recovery Data 2006-07**

## ***Post-consumer Timber Recovery Data - Previous Measurement***

<b>State</b>	<b>Data Year</b>	<b>Waste Timber Recovered (tonnes)</b>
ACT	2005-06	15,600
NSW	2003-04	76,089
QLD	2005-06	20,000
SA	2002-03	116,000
TAS	2005-06	nd
VIC	2004-05	229,000
WA (Perth)	2005-06	17,627
<b>National</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>474,316</b>

**Table 2: Post-consumer Timber Recovery Data - Previous Data. Source: A3P and TDA NSW (2007) Current Utilisation of Waste Timber and Recommendations for Future Use**

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