



**International Conference and
Exhibition for the Forest Industries**

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key facts

- Mount Gambier is the centre of the largest plantation forest area in Australia
- According to "Australia's Plantations" published by the Bureau of Rural Sciences in 2006, this region has a total plantation area of 298,000 hectares, the largest regional plantation base in Australia.
- The forestry industry is a major employer, providing 7,000 jobs to the region
(source Forestry SA)
- 4.5 million tonnes of softwood are harvested each year
- By 2012, hardwood harvesting estimated to be in excess of 3 million tonnes per year
- \$700m as gross regional product each year
Source: Forestry SA National stats
Source: Bureau of Rural Sciences
- Total exports of wood products (2009) - \$2.3 billion
- Number of people employed in ABS categories forestry, logging and wood manufacturing (2009) - 76,800
- Forestry and forest products industries contribution to GDP (2008) - 0.7%
- AUSTimber 2012 is the largest forestry and timber expo in the Southern Hemisphere
- AUSTimber 2012 is the world's only combined softwood and hardwood expo.