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**SURVEY FOR SOUTH WEST SLOPES FORESTRY HUB.**

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) is pleased to be a member of the South West Slopes Forestry Hub (the Hub).

The Hub was established to identify the constraints and impediments confronting the softwood industry in this region and potential opportunities to address those issues. It is part of the Australian government's National Forest Industries Plan (a billion trees for jobs and growth program).

The Hub is one of nine regional centres that will each receive \$1million over three years to assist with expanding their local industries. The role of the Hub is to undertake the research and studies needed to identify industry constraints and recommend solutions to enable the expansion.

A key element of this is community engagement. Hearing the views of local people will help the Hub to understand the interests of the communities and increase awareness of the industry, the facts about softwood plantations and the sector's contribution to jobs and community wellbeing.

The Hub has developed a strategic plan that will assist with planning the softwood industry's future after the fires and through to 2050.

It is now developing a communication strategy and invites you to complete a short survey. Please tell us what you know and would like to know about the industry in your region and how you like to receive communication about these plans.

To participate in the survey please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWSForestryHub>

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