

Construction Softwood Transport Assistance Program (CSTAP)

Application for Pre-approval – October 2021

Please note the Program will close when funding is exhausted or 5pm, 30 June 2023, whichever occurs first.

The Construction Softwood Transport Assistance Program (CSTAP) is a transport assistance package available to South Australian sawmills (“Applicant”) that can mill additional structural timber for the South Australian house construction industry.

The South Australian Government has committed \$1 million, which is being matched by the Australian Government, bringing the total amount to \$2 million. The program is managed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA).

Key dates	
Application eligibility period	6 October 2021 to 30 June 2023
Applications close	30 June 2023 or prior if funds fully expended before this date.
Assessment	Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

Before preparing and applying, all Applicants should read the information contained within the Program Guidelines.

Note that this application is for pre-approval of funding and your best estimates are required. Once approved you will be required to complete claim forms that include the following evidence to facilitate payment:

- Completed claim form
- Completed consignment notes
- Weighbridge documentation

****Please note that approved applicants will be required to submit claim forms at the end of each calendar month for approval and payment.**

1. Application Eligibility and Checklist

You need to answer “Yes” or “No” to the following to obtain a prompt decision.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sawmill is located and operates within South Australia? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sawmill has the financial capacity to complete the shipping and haulage to the South Australian destination? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the timber to be transported have structural potential and is intended for the domestic market.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does your business have an active ABN that is registered for GST? Note: An Application cannot proceed unless this condition is met 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the 2019-20 bushfire-affected softwood logs suitable for processing into additional structural timber for the domestic housing market? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will logs deliver additional structural timber for the domestic market through increased or unused sawmill processing capacity? Note: Must not replace sawmill’s existing access to green resource 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logs do not have costs already covered and/or claimed by the applicant under insurance or other State or Commonwealth programs? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will your claims under this Program be completed by 30 June 2023? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you met all the terms and conditions of any previous South Australian grant funding? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Consignment Details

Provide details of the planned delivery location(s) (sawmill locations).
Provide estimates of the volumes to be transported during the life of your agreement (preferably during each month, or at least three monthly).

Provide details of any contracts or agreements you may have in place for the purchase and transport of eligible sawlogs?
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3. Applicant Details

Trading Name of Business:		
Legal Name of proprietor: (if different from trading name)		
ABN:		
Contact person:		
Address:		
	Suburb/Town:	Postcode:
Phone:	Mobile:	
Email:		

4. Assistance Calculations:

The CSTAP is available as two components:

- A maritime component, where a total of \$30 per tonne assistance for transport from anywhere on Kangaroo Island to the South Australian mainland, plus
- A road component, where 10 cents per tonne per kilometre travelled by road from the first port of landing on mainland South Australia (SA) to a South Australian sawmill, commencing after the first 200 road kilometres travelled.

To receive assistance, log consignments must be for eligible sawlogs delivered to Applicants from 6 October 2021 to 30 June 2023.

Estimated Claim	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected date for consignments relating to this application to commence: • Expected date for consignments relating to this application to be completed: 	
Maritime Component	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total number of tonnes to be transported from Kangaroo Island to South Australian mainland? 	_____ t
Road Component	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total number of kilometres to be travelled by road from the first port of landing on mainland South Australia to a South Australian sawmill? (Note: multiply distance from first port of landing to your sawmill by number of truck movements one-way) <p><i>Example:</i> Total number of kms: 150 Multiplied by number of truck movements one way: 5 Total kms travelled: 750 – transfer this figure to column on right</p>	_____ kms

5. Payment Details

Subject to approval and submission of a tax invoice for the amount of the assistance, the assistance payment inclusive of any applicable GST will be credited directly to your bank account via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please provide your nominated bank account details:

Account Name:	BSB:	Account No:

6. Authorisation, Declaration and Certification

- 1) I/We authorise the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (**Minister**), acting through the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (**PIRSA**), to obtain and exchange any information regarding my/our affairs from my/our banker, accountant, or other source. If requested, I/We authorise my/our banker, accountant or any other business contacts to supply any required information to PIRSA.
- 2) I/We declare that I/we own a timber sawmill business that is located and operated in South Australia.
- 3) I/We declare only eligible sawlogs are to be claimed, being:
 - a) 2019-20 bushfire-affected softwood logs suitable for processing into additional structural timber for the domestic housing market.
 - b) Logs delivering additional structural timber for the domestic market through increased or unused sawmill processing capacity. It must not be replacing a sawmill's existing access to green resource.
 - c) Logs that do not have costs already covered and/or claimed by the applicant under insurance or other State or Commonwealth programs.

7. Terms and Conditions

- 1) I/We acknowledge and agree that if I/we receive assistance pursuant to this Application that this Application will constitute a legally binding agreement between the Minister and me/us, and I/we accept and undertake to comply with these terms and conditions.
- 2) I/We acknowledge the assistance is by way of reimbursement for costs outlined in this Application in relation to the Construction Softwood Transport Assistance Program.
- 3) I/We agree to provide PIRSA, if necessary, with such information and/or reports as PIRSA may reasonably require to enable PIRSA to monitor my/our performance of my/our obligations under this agreement and ensure that funds are used for the reimbursement of costs relating to activities outlined in this Application.
- 4) I/We agree to a PIRSA representative undertaking an inspection of our property and auditing records, if required, to confirm that the activities outlined in this Application have been undertaken and verify the monies have been utilised for the intended purpose.
- 5) I/We agree that any activity that I/we undertake in connection with my/our use of the funds complies with the laws from time to time in force in South Australia.
- 6) I/We agree that if I/we
 - a) fail to comply with any of these terms and conditions;
 - b) have, in any dealings with the Minister or with PIRSA or in this Application, provided any false, misleading, incomplete or incorrect information,that I/we will be liable to repay such amount of the funds as the Minister may demand in writing.
- 7) I/We enter into the undertaking under clause 6) to repay all, or a portion of, the funds with the intention of creating a legally binding, valid and enforceable obligation owed by

me/us to the Minister.

- 8) I/We confirm that our timber sawmill business is not insolvent or under external administration or bankruptcy proceedings and that the business owners are not bankrupt or subject to bankruptcy proceedings at the time of making this Application.
- 9) I/We agree to provide prior advice of the date of first shipment of logs off Kangaroo Island and prior advice of the date of first consignment of formed structural construction timber to facilitate appropriate media opportunities.
- 10) I/We agree that nothing in this Application nor any payment of the funds pursuant to this agreement will create a partnership, joint venture or association of any kind between me/us and the Minister or PIRSA, nor will it render the Minister or PIRSA liable for any debt or liability incurred by me/us in connection with this Application or the agreement.
- 11) I/We agree that neither the Minister nor PIRSA will be liable to reimburse any losses of mine/ours that may result from this Application or the payment of the grant pursuant to this Application outlined in this Application.
- 12) I/We warrant that the information provided in this Application (including in Section 7 Authorisation, Declaration and Certification) is true and correct in every particular.
- 13) I/We acknowledge that this Application, including any attachments and supporting documents, once submitted to PIRSA will become subject to the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (SA), and could, subject to the provisions of that Act, be released pursuant to a request made under that Act.
- 14) I/We authorise the Minister, acting through PIRSA to disclose any information contained in this Application, and any attachments and supporting documents, to any other agency of the South Australian Government or to any agency of any other State for the purpose of or in connection with the administration of the Construction Softwood Transport Assistance Program or any other similar program or scheme.
- 15) I/We agree that if approved, that claims in relation to this application will be submitted monthly on the approved claim form with all evidence attached.
- 16) I/We agree to participate in any monitoring and evaluation activities.

EXECUTED as a DEED by the Applicant named below:

Name of Signatory	Signatory Position (e.g. Director/Secretary)	Signature	Date

Note: Each person who is an owner of the Applicant’s sawmill business must sign above. If the legal owner of the timber sawmill business is a company then:

- (a) the company must be named as the legal owner of the Applicant in section 3 of this Application; and
- (b) the Application must be signed by either two directors of the company or a director and the company secretary (unless the company has a sole director and company

secretary in which case that sole director and company secretary must sign this Application).

8. Further Information

More Information

For more information or to discuss your Application contact:
Rob Robinson via email
Rob.Robinson@sa.gov.au
or phone 8429 0432

Lodging Applications

Completed Applications (with all supporting documentation) should be emailed to:
PIRSA.GrantsEnquiries@sa.gov.au

Applications should be submitted with the subject line "Construction Softwood Transport Assistance Program".