



Media release

Foresters and agribusiness managed investment schemes

All members of the Institute of Foresters of Australia are required to abide by a strong code of ethics. The code can be downloaded from here:

<http://forestry.org.au/ckeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/IFA%20Code%20of%20Ethics.pdf>

The Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA) has commended the Senate's Economic Reference Committee for its report on Agribusiness managed investment schemes, tabled on 11 March 2016.

Rob de Fégely, National President of the Institute of Foresters, said, 'The IFA particularly supports Recommendation 12 which suggests that the International Organization of Securities Commission's (IOSCO) statement of principles governing integrity and ethical behaviour should apply and have force in Australia.

'The Institute of Foresters regularly reviews its code of ethics and, in its 2016 review, will make note of the recommendation from the Senate's Economic Reference Committee.

'The Institute of Foresters of Australia is the only professional body for foresters and other forestry professionals and members can undertake a course of professional development leading to recognition as a Registered Professional Forester (RPF).

'For too long, organisations and journalists have been touting individuals as "forestry professionals" when they are not Registered Professional Foresters and when they are not even members of the IFA. This practice needs to end now.

'The Institute of Foresters of Australia manages a publically accessible website which includes a list of Registered Professional Foresters and we strongly encourage journalists and members of the public who are seeking forestry related advice to contact individuals from that list', said Mr de Fégely.

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RFP List: <http://forestry.org.au/registered-foresters/find-a-professional-forester>

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