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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### NEW VISION FOR TIMBER INDUSTRY

The Member for Eden-Monaro, Mr Gary Nairn has unveiled his new vision for the timber industry in his electorate.

Mr Nairn, who is a strong supporter of woodchipping, wants to see the whole industry move to operating on a simulated basis.

"I am so excited by the positive response to my announcement last week of \$106,250 under the Forestry Industry Assistance Package (FISAP) for a mechanical harvester simulator, I have realised that the electorate would be much better off if the whole industry were simulated.

"This means we would see simulated logging, simulated woodchipping and simulated forest destruction," Mr Nairn said.

"I am confident that all parties, even the greens will be happier with a simulated or virtual industry."

"The local councils will be happier with fewer potholes in roads caused by simulated trucks."

"Forests NSW, which currently pays no rates at all on its production forests, will in future pay virtual rates of approximately \$1 million a year in the Bega Valley Shire alone. Over 27% of the bega Shire is State Forest. Other shires can expect smaller but still worthwhile virtual gains to their revenue base."

"The forest animals will be happier, only having to simulate death, starvation and homelessness."

"The Japanese paper industry will be happier as it will be able to simulate a better quality woodchip at a more reasonable price."

"I am eagerly looking forward to holding some simulated consultations with all stakeholders over the coming months," Mr Nairn said.

"There is every possibility it could even lead to a virtual increase in my campaign donations for the next election," he added.

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