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South + Central Queensland Regional Forestry Hub announces targeted EOI's for research and development projects

Manufacturing competitiveness, bioenergy and carbon are focus areas for a South + Central Queensland Regional Forestry Hub's round of projects released today for an [expression of interest](#) (EOI) process closing 1 April 2022.

Hub Manager Kerry Fullarton says the Hub, which was established as part of the Commonwealth Government's National Forest Industries Plan, is focused on leveraging and implementing projects to boost productivity and growth in the sector to meet Australia's future needs for wood and fibre in the next decade.

"Following a productive start to 2022 the South + Central Queensland Regional Forestry Hub has opened an EOI process for four research and development projects," said Mrs Fullarton.

"We are now commissioning experts to deliver reports on priorities that have been identified in consultation with industry, community, and government stakeholders. We have three projects aligned to our goal of maximising manufacturing processes and products through innovation, science, and technology, and add value through improved supply chain logistics," she said.

The Manufacturing Competitiveness projects are:

- Assessment of the volumes of wood biomass residues and their potential uses and markets
- Evaluate the feasibility of new technologies and processes in timber and wood products industry to deliver a range of cost-competitive products
- Evaluate the feasibility of using new harvesting technologies and processes in Queensland's forestry operations

Mrs Fullarton said the fourth project sits under the Hub's Bioenergy and Carbon focus area.

"We aim to promote the benefits of forestry in addressing climate change, by delivering bioenergy, carbon storage, and biomass for future sustainable growth," she said.

The Bioenergy and Carbon project is:

- Assessment of the volumes of wood biomass residues and their potential uses and markets

Detailed EOI's and a scope of works for each of the projects are available [here](#). EOI's must be submitted by 1 April 2022 5:00 pm to the South & Central Queensland Regional Forestry Hub Manager - k.fullarton@seqfh.com.au

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