# Forestry: Video description and transcript

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## Introduction

This is the accessible text transcript of a video for COP29 on the Australian Government’s approach to sustainable forestry.

## Transcript

[Video begins]

Screen 1: [Video description: text panel over background of forested hills.]

[Text]: Forests and forestry play a critical role in efforts for global emissions reductions.

Forests are a major component of the global carbon cycle with large amounts of carbon stored in mature forests, growing forests, wood and wood products.

Climate change is impacting Australia’s forests – historically prolonged periods of drought across the country have caused widespread mortality and secondary insect attack in eucalypt forests and pine plantations.

Australia’s forests are also facing an increased risk of fire.

Australia’s State of the Forest Report monitors forest use, health, management and conservation.

The 44 indicators are being progressively updated through a new online platform, with a Synthesis Report to be prepared every five years, continuing the series of reports since 1998.

The Australian Government is committed to exploring opportunities for forests to address both national and global climate challenges.

Australia has joined the Forest and Climate Leaders’ Partnership to combat climate change through halting and reversing forest loss and promoting sustainable production and supply chains.

Through the Forest and Climate Leaders’ Partnership and other international forest engagement efforts, Australia works with the global community to halt deforestation and forest degradation, promote sustainable forest management, and support sustainable development.

To find out more, visit: agriculture.gov.au/COP29

[Video ends]

[End of transcript.]

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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