

Worker Support Package

The NSW Government will provide comprehensive financial assistance to employees of Wood Supply Agreement holders and to employees of harvesting operators contracted by the Forestry Corporation of NSW directly impacted by the Great Koala National Park moratorium.

Eligible employees are those employed on the North Coast of NSW on a full time, part time or casual basis who were employed on 7 September 2025 and made redundant within 18 months of that date, being 7 March 2027.

About the package

The Worker Support Package, includes:

- **top up redundancy payments:** employees will receive 4 weeks of base pay (inclusive of employer redundancy payment) per year of employment with an impacted timber mill or harvesting operator, capped at \$150,000
- **additional support for employees over 45 years of age:** a further 3 weeks of pay for every year of service after the age of 45 (up to a cap of \$50,000), to be calculated separately from the top up redundancy payment
- **education and training payments:** of up to \$9,000 for retraining and upskilling
- **relocation payments:** of up to \$45,000 for affected workers who move more than 50 kilometres for new employment
- **free access to mental health support, and financial and legal guidance:** TELUS Health are the contracted organisation to assist affected workers and their immediate families. Contact TELUS Health on **1800 835 871** and reference

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STEP 1

Redundancy payment ✓

- Employee receives redundancy payment from employer
- Eligible employees receive a top up redundancy payment (up to \$150,000 inclusive of employer redundancy payment)
- Employees aged over 45 may receive additional support (up to \$50,000)

STEP 2

Additional support ✓

If you received a top-up payment, you're also eligible for:

- Education and training support (up to \$9,000)
- Relocation assistance (up to \$45,000)
- Free wellness, financial and legal counselling

“GKNP Moratorium Industry Support Program” or visit one.telushealth.com and enter username: “gknp” and password “wellbeing”.

Funding and tax

Redundancy payments and entitlements will be provided to workers by their employer in line with their employment contracts or enterprise agreements. The NSW Government’s redundancy top up payment and additional support for employees over 45 will also be provided via the employer. Part time and casual employees will be eligible for the redundancy payments at a pro-rata value.

Training and relocation payments will be administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Funding may have tax implications, and employees are advised to seek independent tax advice.

Additional support

Training Services

Training Services can connect you to a range of training products through their network of accredited training providers. For more information, visit training.nsw.gov.au, call 13 28 11, or contact your local Training Services Officers:

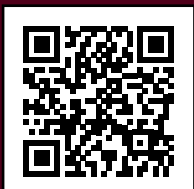
- Jackie Martinson at Jacqueline.Martinson1@det.nsw.edu.au and
- Gerard Geerligs at Gerard.Geerligs1@det.nsw.edu.au.

TAFE NSW

TAFE NSW offers career counselling services to transition into new roles or industries for those wanting to study with TAFE NSW. To arrange an appointment, please contact counsellingandCareerDevelopmentSupport@tafensw.edu.au or call **131 601** (option 5 and then 2) Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)

DEWR offers a range of re-employment and support services for retrenched employees and their families. For more information, visit whatsnext.dewr.gov.au/where-do-i-stand/support-retrenched-workers



More information

Please email forestryindustrysupport@dpi.nsw.gov.au or call **1800 678 593** Option 2, Monday–Friday from 8.30am–4.30pm or visit dpi.nsw.gov.au/gknp