

Boral and Federal Government to fund feasibility study for second-generation biorefinery

Boral and the Federal Government have joined forces to fund a \$1.2 million feasibility study to determine the technical and financial viability of building a second generation biorefinery in regional NSW, with the potential to turn hardwood sawmill residue into renewable diesel fuel and bitumen.

The study is supported by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), which has agreed to grant \$500,000 towards the study, with Boral providing the additional \$700,000.

Under the study, Boral is exploring the potential conversion of up to 50,000 tonnes of sawmill residues from its Herons Creek hardwood sawmill, near Port Macquarie, in NSW, into renewable diesel and bitumen using world-first technology.

The sawmill residues are currently used for energy recovery. The study will explore the potential to convert these residues into renewable diesel and bitumen using world-first technology.