FORESTRY IN AUSTRALIA.

Position of the Industry.

Report by Mr. Lane Poole.

The Minister for Home and Territories (Mr. Street) on Thursday introduced for publication a Report by Mr. C. B. Lane Poole, entitled "A Study of the Position of the Forestry Industry in Australia." This report makes valuable information available to the public and should be of great assistance to the Commonwealth Government in its forestry policies.

A Forestry Policy.

As to the work done in each State by the various State Forestry Departments, the efforts that are made vary greatly from one district to another. In some areas, the work is being carried out efficiently, while in others it is not being carried out at all. The report emphasizes the need for a more uniform approach to the problem of forestry and suggests that the Commonwealth Government should consider the establishment of a central authority to coordinate the activities of the various State Governments.

Training in Forestry.

There is no doubt that the demand for trained foresters is great, and it is essential that more work should be done in this direction. The report recommends that the Government should establish a national forestry school to train future foresters.

The need for one school of forestry is not due to the present position of the timber industry, but because of the need for trained men to take up the study of forestry as a profession.

The Federal Position.

The forestry sector in the territories, including those managed by the Federal Government, is in a very parlous state. The report recommends that the Government should take steps to improve the position of the industry in these territories.

The timber industry is in a state of flux, and it is difficult to predict what the future will hold. The Government should ensure that the industry is managed in a way that will benefit the country as a whole.

AGRICULTURE FOR BOYS.

High School Recommended.

That the Minister of Education, in considering the establishment of agricultural schools for boys, should give serious consideration to the establishment of a high school for agricultural education.

The report states that such a school would be of great benefit to the country, and would provide an excellent training ground for future farmers.

The value of agricultural education cannot be overestimated, and it is essential that the Government should take steps to ensure that this type of education is widely available.

The need for improved education in agriculture cannot be overstated, and it is hoped that the Government will give serious consideration to the establishment of a high school for agricultural education.