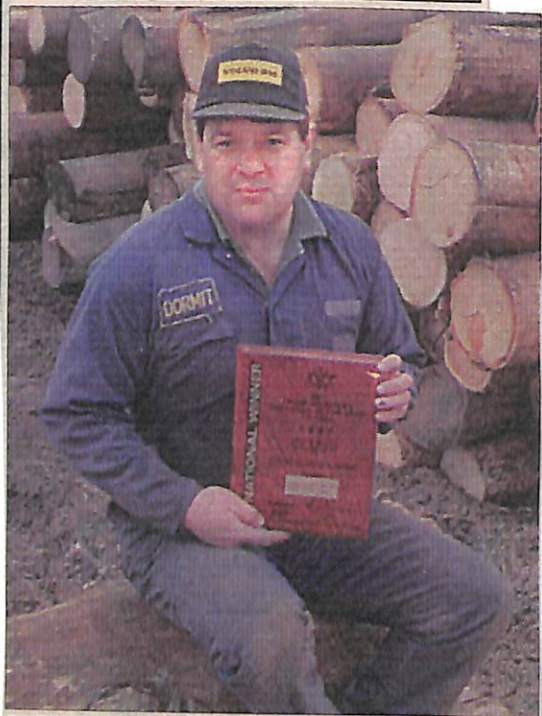


**Award from the top**



**TOP honour:** Dormit Pty Ltd director David Rowe with the certificate presented to his company by the Prime Minister, Mr Howard. **Picture: ROBERT CAREW**

LEADER OCT 1997  
THE recipient of the Prime Minister's Employer of the Year small business award for Victoria has added another honour to its list.

Dandenong timber processor Dormit Pty Ltd has received a national award for its commitment to employing people with disabilities.

At a ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra, the Prime Minister, Mr Howard, congratulated the business, which he said had demonstrated its dedication to employing people with disabilities.

"It is very gratifying to

see our Commonwealth agencies and higher education institutions also realising the benefits of giving people with disabilities a fair go," Mr Howard said.

Dormit processes timber into components for pallets. It employs 37 including 10 with sensory, physical and intellectual disabilities.

Director Mr David Rowe said that workers with a disability showed a consistency and commitment which was often hard to find.

"Their work equals that of any of my other employees," he said.

**Dandenong company named employer of year**

LEADER OCT 1997

DANDENONG timber company Dormit has won the 1997 Prime Minister's Employer of the Year award.

Dormit, in Ordish Rd, was last week announced as the small business section winner of the award, which honors employers giving jobs to people with disabilities.

Prime Minister John Howard presented the award to director David Rowe at a ceremony at Parliament House.

Dormit has a staff of 37, 10 of whom have a disability.

Mr Howard said the company had shown an "outstanding commitment" to people with disabilities.

"I'm pleased to see that since the awards began eight years ago, more and more Australian businesses are recognising the valuable contribution which people with disabilities can bring into the workplace, not only in productivity but in loyalty and enthusiasm," he said.