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### **Queensland's female forest scientists - bringing new solutions to our environment, business, and future**

As part of International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Thursday 11 February) Timber Queensland celebrates the work of its female scientists.

Clarissa Brandt, Strategic Relations & Communications Manager, Timber Queensland said the forest sector provided women with a wonderful opportunity for a science career in the natural environment.

"Forestry is such an exciting sector to work in because it provides challenging work using innovative technology and a great balance of being in the great outdoors and an office environment," Clarissa Brandt said.

By using their scientific expertise in our forests, women are providing innovative and creative solutions. International Day of Women and Girls in Science is an opportunity to promote full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls.

The day is a reminder that women and girls play a critical role in science and technology communities and that their participation should be strengthened.

Alison Dillon, a planning forester for HQPlantations, Queensland's largest plantation forest grower, says forestry combines many science disciplines.

"Sustainable forest management relies on botany, biology, geology, chemistry, mathematics, biometrics, meteorology, geography and understanding different ecosystem types. In my planning role, I also regularly use GIS-based mapping products and interpret LiDAR data," said Alison Dillon who is a Southern Cross University Forest Science graduate.

"I love the variety my job offers, everyday I'm doing something different out in the field, in the office, meeting with neighbours and Aboriginal Elders, mapping – it's great. I'm making a difference, protecting the forest and contributing to carbon capture through growing wood products," said Alison.

As the sixth most forested country in the world, Alison says Australia's forests and forest industries are in need of talented young people to carry on the work of maintaining our ecosystem values and playing a critical role in the management of our forests.

"I would encourage all women to consider studying science and working in forestry, as it is a really rewarding way to connect with your environment and make a difference," she said.

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