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Don't Be Too Alarmed! Forests Assist Council Carbon Issue

Brisbane City Councils desire to be carbon neutral is a commendable goal. As well as considering measures proposed, Council should consider supporting plantation forestry says timber industry peak body Timber Queensland.

"No matter what your green ideology is you cannot escape the fact that trees take CO₂ out of the atmosphere, store the carbon as wood and emit oxygen through their leaves. Growing trees remove more carbon than mature trees" say Timber Queensland CEO Rod McInnes.

"100,000 hectares of plantation would remove approximately 20 million tonnes of carbon-dioxide from the atmosphere during a 30 year harvest cycle. The trees can be harvested for renewable, sustainable timber products, the areas replanted and so the cycle continues" Rod McInnes went on to say.

"This option should be considered before hitting up rate payers with more taxes and charges to achieve a similar outcome" Rod McInnes concluded.

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