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New Forests Chair Dr David Brand to discuss global investment in forestry assets at Doing Timber Business in Queensland

New Forests Chair Dr David Brand will speak at the *Doing Timber Business in Queensland* symposium in Brisbane on 1 June, discussing investment opportunities in Queensland's forest and nature based assets.

Timber Queensland CEO Mick Stephens said Dr Brand's insights into natural capital investment will be a key feature of the event.

"Dr Brand has over 40 years' experience in the forestry sector and as founder and Chair of New Forests, has grown to manage over \$10 billion of forestry, agricultural and nature based assets globally. He is exceptionally well positioned to advise industry and government stakeholders on the investment environment and emerging trends in the market," Mr Stephens said.

"We are thrilled to have Dr Brand present at our fourth biennial *Doing Timber Business in Queensland* symposium," he said.

"Our events have earned a prestigious reputation for delivering quality content and speakers of direct relevance to the industry. Given New Forests invests globally in sustainable timber plantations and conservation areas, carbon and conservation projects, agriculture and timber processing, they are at the cutting edge of many opportunities for Queensland based businesses," said Mr Stephens.

The 2023 *Doing Timber Business in Queensland* symposium will reflect on the current economic outlook and investment environment for forests, look at developing Olympic opportunities for timber, discuss resource security issues and state policies, examine plantation and farm forestry, review Queensland's regional forestry hub projects and address the issue confronting virtually all employers – workforce planning," he said.

Other presenters include:

- Tom Devitt, Senior Economist, Housing Industry Association (HIA)
- Jason Wilson, CEO, HQPlantations
- Jeremy Mansfield, National Sustainability Operations Manager, Lendlease
- Robert Mansell, Hyne Timber Specification, Hyne Timber
- Michael Borowick, Chief Executive, ForestWorks

The Symposium also incorporates a full day Research & Development Insights Tour, providing a rare chance to visit some of Australia's leading research centres, making the connection between industry needs and current research and development efforts.

See the full Doing Timber Business in Queensland program and registration details [here](#).

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