

# TIMBER QUEENSLAND MEDIA RELEASE

## Timber Industry Needs Private Forests

Queensland's \$2.4 billion per annum timber industry and its 20,000+ employees will need continued access to private forests to avoid Queensland becoming increasingly less self-sufficient in timber over time.

Timber Queensland's CEO Rod McInnes says industry supports Codes of Practice to ensure sustainable forest practices on private land.

*"This is a valuable resource which should, together with plantations, provide wood supply for Queensland's future needs"* Rod McInnes said.

*"Unless we continue to use properly managed private forests Queensland will need to import more and more timber, running the risk it will come from less well managed forests than our own"* Mr McInnes concluded.

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