

# TIMBER QUEENSLAND MEDIA RELEASE

## Plantation Roundtable to Map Queensland's Timber Future

Timber Queensland, the timber industry's peak body in Queensland, will host a roundtable meeting on August 18 to discuss the development of Queensland's plantation timber industry.

Officials from Federal, State and Local Governments together with industry CEO's representing growers and processors will join with experts in finance and land tenure issues as well as representatives from community and conservation groups.

Queensland Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries the Hon. Tim Mulherin has been invited to open the proceedings which will be facilitated by Professor Peter Kanowski, Head, School of Resources, Environment and Society, College of Science, Australian National University.

Timber Queensland CEO Rod McInnes said "This is a very important planning meeting for Queensland's future timber needs. Our research shows Queensland needs a further 110,000 hectares of plantation now to meet demand in the future and avoid Queensland being forced to use imported timber often from unsustainable and illegal sources or worse still alternative building materials eg steel, concrete etc which do not have the environmental values, sustainable production or recyclability of timber."

"This roundtable will hopefully provide a clear path forward to maintaining our \$2.4 billion per annum industry and its 20,000+ workers" Rod McInnes concluded.

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