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Queensland's Forests Recognised as Sustainably Managed

Timber Queensland the industry peak body representing Queensland's \$2.7 billion per annum timber industry and its 20,000+ employees, acknowledge the Queensland Government's recognition of the sustainable management of State forests to the internationally recognised Australian Forestry Standard (AFS).

Department of Primary Industries-Forestry received a client service award for its contribution to Queensland Primary Industries – with its AFS certification.

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Client Service Awards recognise outstanding contributions by Departmental staff to clients and primary industries in general, and were presented in Brisbane on 23 March 2006 as part of the Government's Primary Industries Week celebrations.

Timber Queensland CEO Rod McInnes said *"This award adds to the recognition that Queensland forests are properly and sustainably managed. The AFS is recognised internationally by the world's largest forest certification body the Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)"*.

"It makes no sense therefore that the Government is planning to lock up native forest areas greater than the productive forest area of all of Tasmania when it acknowledges its forest management is world's best and has the accreditation to prove it" Mr McInnes concluded.

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