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## **TIMBER QUEENSLAND MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Queensland Government helps position plantation forestry industry to prosper**

Peak industry body Timber Queensland applauds the Queensland Government's commitment to developing the State's Plantation Forestry Industry by funding two Industry Development Officer (IDO) positions.

Rod McInnes, CEO, Timber Queensland says this Government initiative will help deal with impediments to the growth of the Queensland Plantation Forestry Industry.

"Creating these positions indicates the Blich Government's commitment to resolving the issues in areas of planning and community acceptance that restrict investment and growth, said Rod McInnes.

"It's also further evidence of their commitment to delivering jobs, particularly in rural and regional Queensland," he said.

"We are pleased to welcome Paul Crowther as the IDO working with Timber Queensland, the other IDO is located within the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (formerly the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries)," he said.

"Paul joins us from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation where he served as a Principal Policy Officer, prior to that was positioned in the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries.

"He is looking forward to working with Industry and Government stakeholders in delivering real solutions to the issues relating to Plantation Forestry in Queensland.

"Thanks to Government support we are now well placed work towards establishing the extra 100,000 hectares of forestry plantations Queensland needs to meet the timber demands of our growing population."

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