

Timber recycles carbon



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Industry urges caution on 6 star implementation

Queensland's forest and timber industry applauds the announcement by the Premier to move towards more energy efficient housing but urges Anna Bligh to move cautiously on developing and implementing the new policy.

Rod McInnes, CEO of peak industry body Timber Queensland, warns this policy could potentially change the look and feel of our cities.

"Unless the policy is carefully crafted Queensland's iconic timber and tin housing style will disappear in favour of featureless masonry boxes that will require air conditioning to be liveable," said Rod McInnes.

"Recognition should be given to the sustainability of building materials including timber which stores carbon, is renewable, recyclable and uses up to 10 times less energy to produce than an equivalent volume of alternative material such as steel and masonry," he said.

"Additionally, the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) green building rating scheme mentioned by the Premier, would not allow any Queensland grown timber to be used as the GBCA does not recognise the Australian Forestry Standard to which all Queensland's publicly owned forests are certified.

"It would be crazy to discriminate against Queensland timber being used in Queensland housing."

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