

Timber recycles carbon

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Government has already got strategic cropping land policy right: no changes necessary

Current Government policy on timber plantations and Strategic Cropping Land (SCL) is critical to meet Queensland's growing timber demands.

The existing SCL policy recognises timber plantations as a legitimate form of cropping that maintains the productive use of land.

Rod McInnes, CEO of peak industry body Timber Queensland says Government needs to hold the line on timber plantations and SCL.

"The Government has got it right in relation to forest plantings on SCL by proposing controls on permanent plantings that will not be harvested, but allowing timber plantations that will continue to produce wood products," said Rod McInnes.

Maintaining access to suitable land is essential to the South East Queensland Forests Agreement, which will see the hardwood industry transition from a supply based on State Forests to wood from plantations and from private land.

Timber Queensland praises Queensland's policy which allows timber production to continue even when carbon is sold from these plantations

"The ability to sell carbon from commercial timber plantations remains unclear under the Commonwealth's Carbon Farming Initiative, but the timber industry believes it will be essential to underpinning the viability of the future industry and is working to see this recognised," said Rod McInnes.

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