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NEWMAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS TIMBER INDUSTRY TO REACH FULL POTENTIAL

The Queensland Forest & Timber Industry Plan has been endorsed by the Newman Government with 27 growth orientated actions slated for immediate implementation.

Rod McInnes CEO Timber Queensland welcomed the ratification of the Plan.

“This announcement confirms that securing and cultivating an industry that employs 19,000 Queensland is of paramount importance to the LNP,” said Mr McInnes.

“Queensland’s forest and timber industry looks forward to working with the Newman Government to implement the identified actions.”

Mr McInnes said the actions will help develop markets for Queensland timber products, cultivate a competitive business environment and ensure Queensland’s forest resources provide security for the processing sector.

“The implementation of this Plan will ensure a long-term future for many Queensland businesses,” said Mr McInnes.

“Queensland’s timber industry has potential to prosper but doesn’t have the reputation and resources to do so. It needs assistance to grow and the implementation of this plan is part of the answer.”

Mr McInnes said another essential element is Industry backing itself which it’s doing via the newly established Queensland Timber Workers Support Foundation.

“The Foundation was formed by industry workers who realise the industry’s potential yet recognise the lack of fund prohibiting its growth,” said Mr McInnes.

The not-for-profit organisation, funded by voluntary donations, aims to grow industry via marketing campaigns, training scholarships, community events in timber regions and charitable support to help timber workers and communities.

A copy of the Queensland Government’s Response to the Queensland Forest and Timber Industry Plan is available at www.daff.qld.gov.au

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