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## MINISTER SHOULD ASK INDUSTRY DIRECTLY

Primary Industries and Fisheries Minister Tim Mulherin should be cautious before springing to the defence of his rogue forestry business – Forestry Plantations Queensland (FPQ).

Before lending his good name to the twisted spin from FPQ the Minister should find out the facts for himself says industry peak body Timber Queensland CEO Rod McInnes.

"We implore the Minister to speak directly to the CEO's and proprietors of FPQ customers – some big national companies, others family owned businesses – some have been processing timber in Queensland for over 100 years. In fact we recommend the Minister take an independent media crew with him to record first-hand what Queensland's plantation processors think of FPQ's corporate thuggery of recent times" Rod McInnes said.

"These companies, no more than a dozen in number, makeup the bulk of the \$2.4 billion per annum timber processing industry with \$1.0 billion invested and 20 000 people employed," Rod McInnes continued.

"Timber Queensland would be happy to arrange such a meeting."

"We believe the Minister will be hard pressed to find any FPQ customers who are happy with their relationship with FPQ.

"They can't all be wrong – and only FPQ Right!

"FPQ is destroying Queensland's plantation Industry and the Minister and his cabinet colleagues need to act now," Rod McInnes concluded.

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