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WILL THE NEXT QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PLACE 20,000 TIMBER JOBS AT RISK OR SAVE THEM AND CREATE MORE?

Queensland's valuable timber industry provides 20,000 jobs in 1000 individual businesses, pumping more than \$2 billion into Queensland's economy every year.

Not only do we provide employment in cities, we are the lifeblood of many small towns throughout Queensland.

We **could deliver more**, but with **current government policy** allowing the ramping up of royalties with no opportunity for appeal, and withdrawal of contracts underpinning new investment and jobs, the **timber industry is struggling** to deliver a profit, let alone attract investment and grow.

The reality is that unless the next Queensland Government understands the untenable position of the timber industry 20,000 jobs are likely to be lost, and most of Queensland's timber industry won't survive the global financial crisis.

Queensland's timber industry is calling on Premier Bligh and Leader of the Opposition, Mr Springborg to release your policy statements prior to the election outlining how you plan to support and foster investment in the timber industry.

To protect and create Queensland jobs, we ask you to commit to:

1. Arbitrating price in any timber industry royalty disputes
2. Ensuring long term wood supply agreements (15+ years) are provided to underpin existing and new investment in timber processing
3. Developing and implementing a strategy to maximise Queensland's self sufficiency in timber needs.

If Labor and LNP want to work with the Queensland timber industry they will agree to save the jobs of workers throughout the state and deliver new investment in Queensland's timber industry which will provide 5000 new jobs over the next eight to ten years.

**Premier Bligh and Mr Springborg – what is your response to
the 20,000 timber workers who want to know if they will still
have a job next year?**

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