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MEMBER FOR LOGAN SEES HOW TALL TIMBER BUILDINGS CAN GROW THE STATE ECONOMY

Australia's tallest engineered timber office building situated in King Street, Bowen Hills and comprising of 3097 individual timber elements, was officially opened last week.

The Lendlease development heralds opportunities for the Queensland's forest and timber industry, given the demand for timber as a renewable and carbon friendly material in the emerging markets of mid-rise and high-rise construction.

During a recent tour of the nine-storey development, which is built from 4824m³ cross laminated timber (CLT) and 1415m³ glue laminated timber (GLT), Mr Linus Power, State Member for Logan and Chair of the Queensland Government Economics and Governance Committee said he was impressed to hear Lendlease's commitment to timber as a genuine alternative to traditional concrete and steel options in the commercial construction space.

"CLT and GLT products open up new possibilities with building renewable wood and it is great that we are making and using these products here," said Mr Power.

"Just last month the Palaszczuk Government's Jobs and Regional Growth Fund contributed to the upgrade of Hyne Timber's GLT plant. This investment will help create 42 new jobs and greatly enhance the capacity of the industry to meet the growing demand and interest for engineered timber products in the building and construction sector," he said.

"Lendlease has also incorporated CLT into its information office at Yarrabilba – just another example of the innovative use timber is being put to," he said.

Dale Connor, Lendlease Building CEO said 25 King is Lendlease's fifth engineered timber building in Australia and the time savings is just one of the key benefits of working with timber on large scale developments.

"25 King has 52 timber beams and 33 timber columns on each floor. The sustainability, noise, aesthetic, productivity and lighting by products of these exposed features is changing the face of how we design and construct commercial buildings," said Mr Connor.

Timber Queensland (TQ) Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mick Stephens said property developer Shane Munday, Raw Property Studio has approval to start construction on an 120 place child care centre in Wynnum West soon to be followed by an ten-story timber retirement living building in South Brisbane.

"Tall timber buildings are gaining popularity worldwide because timber is a cleaner construction material than steel or concrete. It is also renewable, making it an important part of the circular economy and move toward low carbon emission building materials. Using more timber in building construction can help meet the State's emission reduction agenda," said Mr Stephens.

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