

## **TIMBER QUEENSLAND MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **David Chandler OAM to make Keynote Address at “Doing Timber Business in Queensland”**

Timber Queensland is pleased to announce that construction and housing industry expert David Chandler OAM will make the Keynote Address "Shaking the Tree - Challenging our Conventional Thinking" at the *Doing Timber Business in Queensland* conference on 9 June 2016.

David has led major construction projects such as Australia's new Parliament House and was CEO of Fletcher Construction Group's Australian, New Zealand, Pacific, North American and Asian operations.

Timber Queensland CEO Mick Stephens said that David Chandler's expertise and understanding of the future of construction in the Asia Pacific will ensure a thought provoking session.

A recent article written by David Chandler for *Australasian Timber* outlined his concerns that the forest and timber industry lacks a pre-competitive strategy. The article stated his belief the timber building products industry must first make its case based on how well they understand their customer needs and then, what timber offers.

"David's presentation will continue this conversation providing essential food for thought for Queensland's timber industry," said Mick Stephens.

"The timber industry has enormous potential to provide a renewable, carbon positive material to meet our future building needs. This conference will highlight the opportunities and challenges for growth and investment in the future," he said.

To mark the announcement of the Keynote Address and release of the full speaker line up Timber Queensland has extended the early bird registration period for the conference until 30 April.

Full details of the event are available at [www.doingtimberbusinessqld.com](http://www.doingtimberbusinessqld.com)

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