

# TIMBER QUEENSLAND MEDIA RELEASE

## Queensland Timber Industry to Support Innisfail

Queensland's timber industry stands ready, willing and able to assist in the reconstruction of Innisfail and surrounding areas.

Industry's peak body Timber Queensland CEO Rod McInnes confirmed today that the State's \$2.7 billion per annum timber industry was ready to ensure timber supply did not hamper the reconstruction effort.

Rod McInnes said *"Timber Queensland's members:*

- *Had donated generously to the cyclone Larry appeal.*
- *Were ready to supply construction timbers and would gear up production including extra shifts at sawmills if necessary to meet demand.*

*Additionally Timber Queensland:*

- *Had engineers in the north assessing structural damage to timber buildings in conjunction with the Cyclone Testing Station staff from James Cook University.*
- *Had contributed financially to the Cyclone Testing Station damage assessment process.*
- *Would donate time, travel and accommodation costs of its Engineers to assist in ensuring trades people not familiar with cyclonic area construction were aware of Building Code requirements".*

Rod McInnes went on to say *"Our early assessment indicates that the most severely damaged timber structures were those built prior to the latest Building Code requirements. More recently constructed timber buildings fared better, indicating our Building Code and Standards are on the right track."*

*Whilst we don't yet have any hard data on timber volumes required we are hopeful of having sufficient resource to fill the huge demand, notwithstanding the Government's predilection to locking up our internationally certified, sustainably managed forests to curry political favour with the Greens"* Rod McInnes concluded.

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