

*Timber recycles carbon*

## **TIMBER QUEENSLAND MEDIA RELEASE**



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### **CALL FOR PLANTATION PARTNERS TO OFFSET CONSTRUCTION CARBON**

A landmark development opportunity is available for a forestry plantation company to plant up to two million trees as part of construction of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

Chairman of Timber Queensland, Skene Finlayson said expressions of interest are being called for plantation companies to partner with Queensland Water Infrastructure to establish up to 2,000 hectares of timber plantations on land surrounding the dam.

The plantations will be used for both timber production, and to offset carbon emissions associated with construction of the dam.

"This is an innovative project that highlights the positive contribution that the forest and timber industry can make to addressing climate change," said Skene Finlayson.

"It will provide an opportunity for existing and new players in the Queensland plantation sector to access a significant area of land in one of the most productive plantation regions of South East Queensland."

Skene Finlayson said including a timber plantation along with a major infrastructure project is a unique opportunity to incorporate carbon offsets on the same site.

"The project has the twin benefits of revitalising the timber industry in the region in addition to sequestering up to 850,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions which will more than offset the 140,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the dam's construction," said Skene Finlayson.

"Plantation companies with expertise in timber plantations, environmental plantings and provision of carbon services may consider submitting an expression of interest to Queensland Water Infrastructure before 26 September 2008."

Interested organisations should contact Queensland Water Infrastructure on freecall 1800 225 384 or via their website [www.qldwi.com.au](http://www.qldwi.com.au)

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