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Go local, grow local: tradies can #growqldjobs using Queensland timber products

Queensland tradies and home renovators are being encouraged to #growqldjobs by ensuring their next project uses timber products grown and processed in Queensland.

Clarissa Brandt, Strategic Relations Manager at peak industry body Timber Queensland says the impact of COVID-19 on businesses across the state means we need to support local products and services to keep our friends, families and colleagues working.

“Purchasing choices impact jobs and regional economies in Queensland,” said Clarissa Brandt.

“For example, choosing to use timber grown in the Maryborough region to build a house frame in Brisbane supports an extensive supply chain across our regions; foresters, harvest and haulage contractors, sawmillers, truss and frame fabricators and timber merchants all benefit from that initial choice,” she said.

“Queensland’s forest and timber industry supports 25,000 direct and indirect jobs so we strongly encourage anyone planning or working on a project, particularly those supported by the Federal Government HomeBuilder grant and the Queensland Government’s regional home building boost, to actively prioritise buying from local businesses and producers as much as possible.”

Ms Brandt says it easy to identify and find a timber merchant or hardware supplier that sells Queensland grown and processed timber products.

“Just look out for products labelled with the Accredited Queensland Timber Product trademark and visit www.buyqldtimber.com.au to find your closest member of the Accredited Queensland Merchant Network who can supply local product for your job,” said Clarissa Brandt.

“Accredited Queensland Timber Merchant Network staff receive training on the latest building regulations and technical aspects of timber application and use from Australia’s leading timber experts, so you get the right product and the right advice,” she said.

Buying locally grown and produced timber will generate the largest benefits with a strong capacity for industry to meet the bulk of consumer needs. However, given our local supply cannot meet total demand for timber, sourcing from interstate and overseas suppliers, with the strongest links to downstream processing and manufacturing, will provide the next order of positive benefits.

Building professionals and consumers are invited to join Timber Queensland’s free webinar “*Your Guide to Buying Local: Understanding the Impact of the Timber Supply Chain*” on Wednesday 5 August. Registration details are available [here](#).

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