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Braddon contestants on notice: \$10m plan for forest industries

THE Australian Forest Products Association has launched a \$10 million plan to turbo-charge forest industries in Tasmania, and specifically in the federal electorate of Braddon, ahead of the by-election poll on Saturday.

CEO Ross Hampton said forest Industries were incredibly important to the economic and social fabric of northwest Tasmania, which is why AFPA was coming forward with specific policy asks for all candidates.

“There are six major ‘building blocks’ in our plan which would allow our forest industries to surge, growing jobs and ensuring their future viability,” Mr Hampton said.

“More than 10,000 Tasmanians are employed directly and indirectly by our industries and they’re worth \$574 million to the Tasmanian economy. Under this plan, we could add another 150 jobs at least to the northwest and many more indirectly.”

AFPA is calling for political



At the launch of the ‘forest industries asks’ at the Forico Nursery west of Burnie ... AFPA CEO Ross Hampton (third from left) and Andrew Jacobs of Forico (left) with Braddon candidates Brett Whiteley (Liberal), Justine Keay (Labor), Brett Neal (Shooters, Fishers and Farmers), and Donna Gibbons (Independent).

parties and candidates to commit to:

- Drive the planting of up to 14,000 ha of new plantations, by removing the red tape locking forestry out of participating in federal carbon storing policy and commit to \$2 million for a timber plantation development project.
- No more lock-ups of native timber supply areas.
- Back bioenergy with a \$2 million bioenergy commercialisation node in Braddon.
- Ensure the future of the National Institute of Forest Products Innovation in northern Tasmania with another \$4 million research and development injection.
- Provide \$1 million for a forest industries skills and training plan for the future workforce.
- Get cracking on much needed infrastructure upgrades such as key roads

“ AFPA CALL: NO MORE LOCK-UPS OF TIMBER SUPPLY ”

and bridges with a \$1 million study to identify priorities and bottlenecks.

“Forest Industries are integral to Braddon, and the candidates and political parties contesting the by-election need to offer the recognition and support they deserve,” Mr Hampton said.

“We’ll be marking candidates and political parties on their commitments and producing a public scorecard prior to the by-election.”



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After the PM's commitment, 12 months to the day... Government set to launch industry plan in September

ALL sectors of industry will be avidly focused on a landmark – and many would say historic – event in Canberra in September.

Mark it in your diaries – the launch of the long-anticipated federal government's National Forest Industries Plan at the National Press Club, 16 National Circuit, Barton ACT, on Wednesday, September 12.

The launch by Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Senator Anne Ruston – also with responsibility for forestry – starts at 6 pm and early bird tickets, expected to be a sell-out, are open until August 6.

Senator Ruston's exciting moment comes exactly 12 months after Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's commitment to the plan at a gala AFPA dinner in Canberra on September 12 last year – "a plan that will underpin growth in the renewable timber and wood-fibre industry".

The PM emphasised: "We are committed to developing this industry as a growth engine for regional Australia."



That's a plan... Anne Ruston to unveil national forest industries plan in September.

Reflecting on the government's commitment to the plan, FWPA chairman Greg McCormack said the guiding policy documents used by government to frame responses to the industry were both delivered last century – the 1992 National Forest Policy Statement and the 1997 Plantations Vision 2020 plan.

"Our industries have changed dramatically since then and I am delighted the

**“INDUSTRIES
HAVE CHANGED
DRAMATICALLY**

Prime Minister has recognised that it is vital government and departments also update their approach," Mr McCormack said.

The new government National Forest Industries Plan will outline actions to support the industry to establish new plantations, increase investment and grasp opportunities in the emerging bio-economy to turbo-charge regional job creation and economic development.

For tickets, contact Beth on (02) 6285 3833 or email enquiries@ausfpa.com.au

Also on line: www.afpa.org.au

Club's charity project humming along

TIMBER industry service club Brisbane Hoo-Hoo 218 has named children's palliative care organisation Hummingbird House as the main beneficiary this year of funds raised for charities.

Presenting a cheque for \$1500 to Dr Fiona



Hawthorne, general manager of the centre, are Alan Jones, Club 218 secretary, Alfred Chapple, treasurer, and Beverley Chapple.

Hummingbird House at Chermide is Queensland's only children's hospice.



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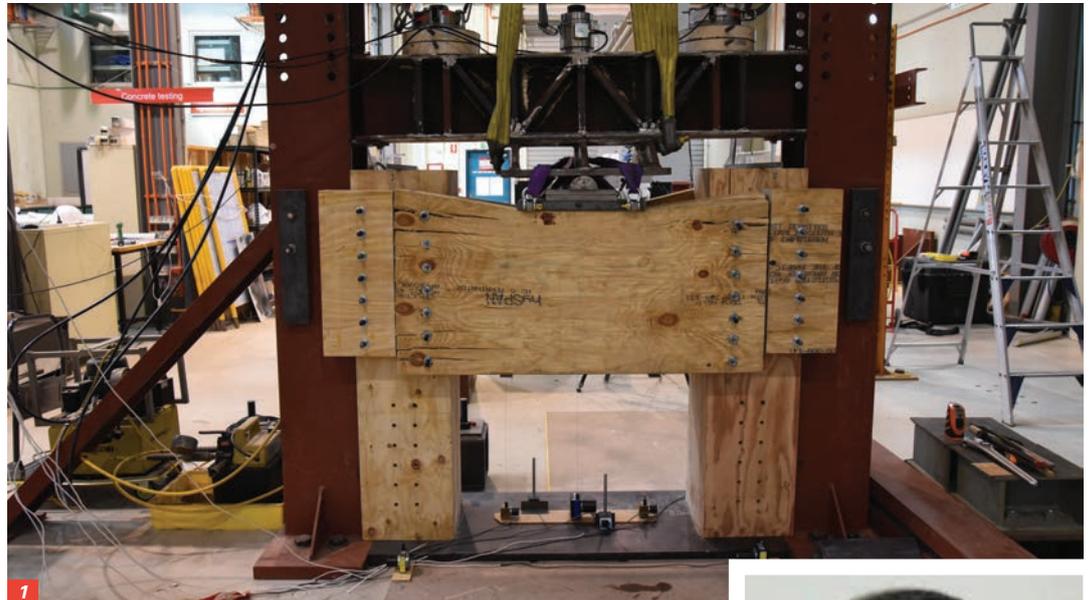
Putting timber to the test as wood buildings reach higher and higher

RESEARCHERS at Queensland's Griffith University are putting timber to the test to see if tall wooden buildings are the way forward for our cities.

Associate Professor Benoit Gilbert from the School of Engineering and Built Environment is part of the team testing engineered solid wood products, such as LVL, glulam and CLT and their capabilities in collapse resistance.

Reaching timber building heights of five to six storeys has been made possible thanks to products such as these.

Australian examples of mid-rise buildings include International House



1/ Wood in the lab... university puts massive timber to the test.
2/ Prof. Benoit Gilbert... rise in popularity for mid-rise buildings.

Sydney at Barangaroo and the world's tallest mass

timber office building on King Street in Brisbane, which is currently under construction.

Prof. Gilbert says recent changes in legislation has prompted the rise in popularity for mid-rise buildings internationally.

"Timber has many functional, aesthetic and environmental benefits – it's a renewable, durable and environmentally sustainable building material," he said.

“THREE-YEAR COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

"Using timber in building constructions enables less resources and less energy to be consumed when compared to traditional steel and concrete buildings, and the buildings require less time to be constructed as they are erected from prefabricated elements."



Griffith University has a well-equipped structural laboratory where full-scale tests of timber elements are being performed and the structural behaviour of mass timber buildings under large deformations are investigated.

A three-year collaborative project investigating the prospect of even taller timber buildings (or mass timber buildings) has been funded between Griffith, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Queensland government, Arup and Lendlease.

The project will examine the progressive collapse behaviour of mass timber buildings with CLT floors.

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Thinking caps on! How do we top up our wood fibre bucket?

Essay competition draws on smart young minds

IT is clear it will be no easy task to get more fibre into the Australian forestry bucket.

Co-publisher of Timber&Forestry enews John Halkett says there is a need to get past the hot air, committees, meetings, talking to government ministers and officials, and look for tangible progress on increasing the domestic wood fibre supply.

As previously announced, in collaboration with Queensland's HQPlantations, Forest and Wood Products Australia and the Australian Forest Products Association, T&F enews is running a thinking and writing competition for smart young minds in the forest industry.

Halkett is asking current undergraduate or post graduate students at universities or other training institutions, or those who have had no more than five years' working experience to come out into the open and write down their ideas.

"How to make establishing plantations more commercially attractive – - improve yields, shorten rotation lengths, do better at valuing and marketing carbon and environmental services – are but some of the challenges," he said.

"Better recovery from native forest harvesting operations seems a no-brainer, and why are we exporting both softwood and hardwood logs. That doesn't seem to make much sense."

Halkett also points to the developing markets for non-



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wood products.

"Take, for instance, the promising research aimed at a market for pharmaceuticals from African mahogany harvesting residues within the family of compounds known as limuloids.

"These compounds are associated with some of the world's most used pharmaceutical applications, such as anti-cancer treatments, anti-inflammatories, anti-microbials and pain relieving treatments.

"Perhaps we should be going cap-in-hand to the Kiwis, as more than a million tonnes of radiata pine logs sail north past the east coast of Australia every year. What can we do to get some of these ships to take a turn to port?"

"So," says Halkett, "it's radical ideas from young minds in the industry that we are looking for. It's not an English competition – it's about ideas, not the grammar."

“A BETTER RECOVERY FROM NATIVE FORESTS A NO-BRAINER

Emails and the competition flyers have now been sent to a range of industry associations, training bodies, universities and forestry companies, so the competition sponsors are poised and ready for entries.

Further details are available at: www.timberandforestryenews.com/competition-time-young-minds-forest-industry/

- 1/ Wood fibre... how to make establishing plantations more commercially attractive.
- 2/ Brain teaser... seeking radical ideas from young minds.

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In summary, the competition ground rule are: Not more than 1000 words; calibri 12 font 1.5 spacing; your name and contact details (phone and email) plus a head and shoulders image

Send entries to John Halkett at johnh@timberandforestryenews.com by December 15.

There are cash and book prizes for the best three entries – \$1000 for first; \$500 for second; and \$200 for third, plus a book set for all three places.

In addition, the winner will be offered two months' employment in Queensland over the summer by HQPlantations.

The rise of greenhouse gases: trees play central role in future strategy

Book review by Professor DAVID W.H. WALTON, Emeritus Fellow, British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, UK

HERE'S a book on climate change that even your aged aunt could understand.

Written by Australian forester John Halkett, it not only explains the basic science in very simple terms but also makes a case for the importance of trees in any future strategy for mitigation of the effects of the rise in greenhouse gases.

Of course, you would expect a forester to take this stance, but he makes a rather more detailed case than usual for the impact of a greater emphasis on the use of wood.

Of course he proposes that we should increase the



area of our forests to lock up more carbon, something that is already happening in many countries. But he then goes on to describe

1/ *Wooden rather than brick or concrete buildings could make a major impact on our future carbon budgets.*

2/ *Prof. David Walton... It seems a simple mitigation measure from which everyone gains.*

multi-storey flats and offices which, interestingly, also meet earthquake standards. Wooden rather than brick or concrete buildings could make a major impact on our future carbon budgets.

He suggests that a 10% increase in building wooden houses in Europe would save around 25% of the reductions in CO2 needed to meet the present targets. In addition, using wood waste as a biofuel is carbon neutral, unlike coal, gas or oil.

There is also the concomitant gain in the growth of managed forests and their conservation and wildlife value as a bonus of using more wood. It seems a simple mitigation measure from which everyone gains.

One wonders why its advantages have not been introduced into planning and land management by those responsible for climate change policies in 190 countries.

(By the Light of the Sun: Trees, Wood, Photosynthesis and Climate, Connor Court Publishing, Australia).

The book can be ordered at www.connorcourtpublishing.com.au/By-the-Light-of-the-Sun-Trees-Wood-Photosynthesis-and-Climate-Change-John-Halkett or for bulk copies contact John Hallett at john.halkett@forestlands.com.au



how, with new engineering techniques, using this wood in more wooden buildings could make important reductions in the carbon dioxide currently produced by the manufacture of steel, aluminium and concrete used in the construction industry.

CONCOMITANT GAIN IN GROWTH OF MANAGED FORESTS

Scandinavian countries have already developed high thermal and acoustic insulation standards for wooden building and now engineers are building

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AUGUST

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– Rotorua, NZ.

15: FIEA Forest Industry Safety and Technology 2018

– Melbourne, Australia.

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SEPTEMBER

2-5: IFA and AFG Conference

– University House, Australian National University. Titled 'Forests for healthy cities, farms and people'. Title 'Forests for healthy cities, farms and people'. It will be preceded by AFG's pre-conference tour from Friday, August 31, to Sunday, September 2. Contact: (02) 6153 3044 or visit www.forestry.org.au

11-12: FIEA WoodTech 2018

– Melbourne, Australia.

18-19: FIEA Woodech 2018

– Rotorua, NZ.

Drymill scanning, wood machining, timber manufacturing. Visit www.woodtech.events

OCTOBER

1-3: 2018 DANA NZ

Forest-Wood Processing Conference & Optional Field Trip – Wairakei Resort, Taupo.

Theme: 'Does the NZ industry have to be world class to compete in the world?' One-and-half day conference, followed by one-and-half field Trip with nine Central North Island industry and industry-related site visits. Pre-conference afternoon / dinner cruise on Lake Taupo. Contact Julie Bell admin@dana.co.nz or visit www.danaevents.co.nz/2018taupo/

9-11: 2018 DANA Australian

Forest-Wood Processing Conference & Optional Field Trip – Hotel Grand

Chancellor, Launceston.

One-and-half day conference, one-and-half day field trip. Contact Julie Bell admin@dana.co.nz or www.danaevents.co.nz/2018tas/

13: Gala Queensland Timber Industry Awards evening

– Rydges South Bank, Brisbane. Hosted by TABMA Queensland, 6:30 - 11:30 pm. Dress formal. Contact Alicia Oelkers on (07) 07 3456 76065 or email Alicia@tabma.com.au

19: Victorian Association of Forest Industries annual dinner – RACV Club, Melbourne.

Tickets available from VAFI in July. Contact VAFI on (03) 9611 9000 or info@vafi.org.au

19th Australian Timber Design Awards in Sydney.

Full details TBA. Entries open February 12 and close July 6. Judging period July 16-20. People's Choice voting July 23-August 17. Awards gala dinner mid-October. Visit www.timberawards.com.au

26: TABMA national industry dinner – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sydney.

Contact (02) 9277 3100 or visit www.tabma.com.au

26: Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards – The Barn, Mount Gambier.

Nominations close 17 August, Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards dinner 26 October. For further information contact Prue Younger, event manager +64 (21) 2765484.

For more information visit www.gttia.com

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4-5: FIEA ForestTech 2018

– Rotorua, NZ.

20-21: FIEA ForestTech 2018 – Melbourne, Australia.

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6-8: 15th Annual Global Buyers Mission – Whistler, BC, Canada BC.

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16-17: 8th China Global Wood Trade Conference and Tour – Chongqing, China.

FEA Canada and China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association. This will be the fourth joint-conference that both groups have been collaborated. The 2018 event is expected to set record attendance levels. See: www.woodmarkets.com/conference/conferences-

china/2018-china-global-wood-trade-conference/

17-21: RISI Tenth International Woodfibre Trade Conference – Durban, South Africa.

See: www.events.risiinfo.com/wood-fiber/
Email: conferences@risi.com, Tel: + 866.271.8525, + 32.2.536.0748

17-21: Managing Eucalyptus plantations under global changes – Le Corum, Montpellier, France IUFRO.

Improving resource use efficiency in eucalypt plantations. See: www.iufro.org and www.cirad.fr

25-26: FSC Asia Pacific Business Forum 2018 – Mumbai, India.

Email: info@au.fsc.org

OCTOBER**18-20: Timber Legality Research Symposium – University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.**

To be held in association with the Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement network. See: www.globaltimbertrackingnetwork.org/event/timber-legality-research-symposium
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23-27: 4th International Congress on Planted Forests – Nanning, Guangxi, China.

Congress aims to investigate the contribution of planted forests to green development in the context of global changes. Topics will include the sustainability of planted forests in the context of changing climates and the future role of planted forests in bio-resources sustainability, environmental protection and green development. See: www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/
Email: christophe.orazio@efi.int

NOVEMBER**5-10: 54th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council and Sessions of the Associated Committees – Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan.**

ITTO Secretariat. See: www.itto.int/workshop_detail
Email: itto@itto.int
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12-17: 2nd DANA 2-day Central America and Andes Forestry Sector

Investment Conference – Cancun Mexico. With 2-day optional pre-conference field trip to teak and eucalyptus plantations; a large modern MDF mill in Villahermosa region; and a 2- day optional post-conference tour to Mayan archaeological and recreational sites. For further information: www.danaevents.co.nz/2018mexico/

12-18: XI International Workshop on Uneven-aged Silviculture: Challenges for increasing adaptability – Valdivia, Chile.

Uneven-aged silviculture is attracting increased interest due to its positive effects upon carbon sequestration, biodiversity, landscapes, and in its ability to provide a range of goods and services from managed forest ecosystems. Do uneven-aged forests have better options for adaptation to these future changes? See: www.uas.uach.cl/2018
Email: pdonosos@uach.cl

• Please send any events listings to johnh@timberandforestrynews.com

EWP trends and perceptions: Rotorua conference

UNTIL recently, New Zealand developers had been slow to adopt the engineered timber structures in contrast to leaders in Australia and the US.

Now, more Kiwi engineers are recognising engineered wood's advantages with new building information modelling technology for designing commercial buildings.

In August, a national conference on engineered wood for commercial and multi-residential building is set to attract hundreds of early adopters as New

Zealand moves fast to catch up to its Aussie neighbours in sustainable commercial buildings.

One distinct advantage is speed. Engineered wood buildings are erected much faster than traditional poured concrete slabs and on-site welded steel columns. The key to wood's speed and accuracy comes from using new design and manufacturing software known as 'building information modelling' (BIM). Engineered wood structures are ripe for using these highly accurate systems

and automated machining technologies.

The 3rd annual 'Changing Perception's engineered wood conference on sustainable commercial building will be held on August 28 at the Distinction Hotel in Rotorua. The event begins with an evening reception on August 27.

Registrations at connexevents.com/cpetc2018/

"Following trends in Australia and USA, the use of engineered wood is growing as BIM becomes more

widely used by complete project teams – from engineers and architects right through to the trades," says John Stulen, conference director.

"The shorter project times have also caught the eye of all of leading trades contractors, especially when their people see BIM in action on a tall wood building project," says Stulen.

"This year we are delighted that 100% of our conference case studies will be outlining New Zealand wood projects," he adds.

Two NZ forestry leaders honoured at annual awards dinner in Nelson

THE NZ Institute of Forestry recognised the contribution of two of its outstanding leaders at its annual awards dinner in Nelson this month.

Peter Clark of Rotorua was awarded Forester of the Year, which recognises an institute member's outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession or the forestry sector over the last 12 months.

The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession, and it is one of the highest accolades the institute can bestow.

"The award is a fitting recognition of the contribution



Peter Clark...
Forester of the Year.



Russell Dale...
Kirk Horn Award.



Steve Wilton...
special membership.



David Evison...
a fitting recognition.

that Peter has made to the sector over many years," institute president Dr David Evison said.

Russell Dale, also of Rotorua, was awarded the Kirk Horn and Medal. The institute awards the Kirk Horn – the most historically valuable award in all New Zealand science – a second year to recognise outstanding contributions in the field

of forestry.

"Russell has proved himself to be an outstanding leader in forest management and in the management of major industry-funded forestry

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research programs over a long and distinguished career," Dr Evison noted.

The election of Steve Wilton of Masterton as a fellow of the institute was also recorded. The election to this special membership status is granted by a vote of members and recognises the eminence of Mr Wilton in the profession of forestry.

The contribution of Trish Fordyce of Auckland to the forestry sector, her long service to the environmental and land use regulation, and the application of resource management to forestry and wood processing was recognised by her election as an honorary member of the institute.

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Forest certification remains key weapon in a fight to save forests

COREY BRINKEMA

THE silver bullet has become a metaphor for a simple, almost magical solution to a vexing problem.

While silver bullets may be handy to fight werewolves, most real-world challenges are complex, requiring multiple solutions. In those cases, the search for a silver bullet can delay meaningful action.

Take deforestation, for example. Every year, the world loses more than 30 million ha of forest. Sadly, there is no silver bullet to stop deforestation.

But we know how to make progress on the issue. While governments play an important role, companies and consumers are leading the efforts to stop deforestation today.

For example, last year Target announced a new policy for the forest products it buys and sells. Included in its policy is a commitment to avoid forest products that are illegal, from areas with high conservation values or from deforestation. While these

public commitments may seem common sense, they represent the exception rather than the norm.

The simple truth is that illegal logging is huge business, and much of it drives deforestation.

Interpol estimates that as much as 30% of all timber traded globally may be illegal, representing as much as \$US150 billion annually.

Many of these products end up in the US, the world's largest consumer of forest products. For example, in 2016 flooring giant Lumber Liquidators was sentenced by the US Justice Department to pay more than \$13 million in fines for importing illegally logged timber from Russia.

Compounding the challenge, deforestation is not always illegal, even in the US. In fact, in many places deforestation is considered progress – whether to create a new housing development or plantation for palm oil that ends up in our shampoo, candy bars or bread.



Corey Brinkema... companies are leading the way.

Once again, companies are leading the way with pledges to avoid products from deforestation. Such actions have been taken by McDonald's, General Mills, Costco and Wal-Mart. On their own, deforestation-free pledges are inadequate, but as part of a suite of actions they represent an important step in the right direction.

“DEFORESTATION IS NOT ALWAYS ILLEGAL, EVEN IN THE US”

When forests are responsibly managed, they offer a sustainable supply of products while also protecting the myriad ecological and social values as well.

Is this the whole solution to the problem, requiring us to move 'beyond certification'? Of course not. There are no singular solutions, but the path forward is still very clear: stop trade in illegal products. Avoid products from deforestation. Choose products from certified responsibly managed forests.

Too often, the search for panaceas risks thwarting meaningful progress. In reality, most intractable challenges facing the world require multiple solutions in parallel. Thankfully, a growing number of companies are leading the way, moving with a sense of urgency to tackle deforestation – even without a silver bullet.

• *Corey Brinkema is president of the Forest Stewardship Council US. He has 25 years of experience and commitment to sustainable development.*



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Ingenious wood structures perfect fit for New Zealand snow country

THE ingenuity of the Kiwis to use timber in difficult-to-reach locations and for unusual purposes impressed Timber Queensland's strategic relations and communications manager Clarissa Brandt on a recent visit to the New Zealand North Island snow country.

"Shortly after collecting a hire car in Auckland to drive to Tongariro national park, my family's 'timber tour' kicked off when I noticed the frame of a large industrial building being built from glulam," Clarissa said.

"What an advertisement on a busy road for the strength and versatility of timber!"

Driving on the plains below the active volcano Mount Ruapehu, Clarissa came across something she'd never seen before – a timber water tank.

"It was such an attractive sight – so much nicer than steel or concrete in the natural environment," she said

The idea for Timbertanks came to architect Morton Jordan when he was required



- 1/ *The Knoll Ridge Café ... award-winning and breath-taking.*
- 2/ *Modular system... timber components such as these beams were lifted in by helicopter to New Zealand's highest café among the snow fields at Whakapapa..*
- 3/ *Clarissa Brandt... in the snow and among high timber structures in New Zealand.*

to provide adequate water storage for a beach house project dependant on rain water. With restricted access it wasn't possible to bring in a pre-cast tank, so he devised a tank which did not have a solid floor but had a wood stave barrel to support and protect the liner, which contained the water. A roof was added as protection from contamination and sunlight.

With productive forests surrounding the ski fields of Whakapapa, it's only natural that ski lodges and cafes on the fields are built of wood.

Clarissa said she was amazed to find the highest café in New Zealand – at 1600 m – built predominately from timber.

"The Knoll Ridge Café is award-winning and breath-taking," she said. "Ski goggles off to the builders

who would have faced access and weather issues like no other."

Designed by Harris Butt Architecture in 2011, the entire building, from foundation beams and floor panels to roof sections and windows was broken down into a

modular panelised system, which allowed for delivery, placement and erection by helicopter on site.

Insulated sandwich panels constructed of plywood and LVL form a large extent of the walls and roof of the café. These, like most of the buildings components, had to be designed with careful consideration not exceed the helicopter's 800 kg maximum load limit.

The form of the building reflects the strong geological features of Mount Ruapehu. The 'gull wing' roof appears to 'cradle' the mountain's peak. On a practical level, it is designed to manage snow cover up to three metres.

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Chinese playing the wrong tune on 'fake' Aussie-made furniture

THE Australian Border Force has seized 10 Chinese-made pianos, falsely claiming to be Australian-made, from containers in Brisbane.

Pianos are considered furniture and as such have the same regulatory requirements as other imported furnishing products.

ABF regional commander Queensland Terry Price said the Australia's customs service played a vital role in protecting the reputation of Australian-made goods.

"Australia has an excellent reputation for producing quality products and we know that unscrupulous businesses will try to exploit that by falsely claiming their goods are Australian-made.



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Price with
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Mr Price said by detecting and seizing these goods "we are protecting Australian companies and ensuring a level playing field for those companies that do the right thing by finding and penalising those that do not."

The seized instruments carried a number of logos and stamps, including one very

similar to the iconic green-and-gold Australian-made logo. The logo claimed the products were "designed and assembled in Australia."

ABF officers contacted Australian Made Campaign Ltd and formally seized the goods under the Trade Marks Act 1995 for infringing trademarks held by AMCL under the

Notice of Objection Scheme.

A Notice of Objection gives the ABF the authority to intercept and detain suspected counterfeit goods for a period of time, allowing a rights holder to take legal action against the importer.

The importer initially filed a claim to have the seized goods released, providing evidence that they had registered the AMCL logo as a trademark in China. They later consented to forfeit the items.

The pianos were to be shipped back to China and would likely have been passed off as 'Australian-made'.

Mr Price said ABF officers were trained to identify breaches of intellectual property rights.

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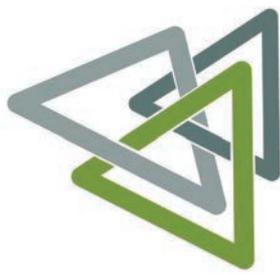
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Terry Edwards steps down after most turbulent and violent times

Forest industry stalwart recalls 16 years with FIAT

TIMBER stalwart Terry Edwards is retiring from the Forest Industries Association of Tasmania (FIAT), a job that placed him in the middle of the most turbulent and violent times in the state's forests.

When he took on the job in 2002, Terry thought he knew what he was getting into. A no-nonsense straight-talker, he quickly became the public face of a contentious industry.

"In retrospect, I didn't really fully understand or appreciate how strong the passions were on both sides of the debate in the forest industry," Terry said

The 1997 Regional Forest Agreement Act was still going through federal parliament and environment groups had made it clear they didn't accept the outcome of the process.

"There are times over the last 16 years where it's got quite out of control, where there's been physical violence," Terry said.

The 2004 federal election saw then-opposition leader Mark Latham declare he would protect the overwhelming majority of Tasmania's old-growth forests from logging, spurring Terry Edwards into action.

Terry worked with other members of Labor including the Paul Lennon-led state government, and Liberal Prime Minister John Howard on the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement which was announced to a Launceston town hall packed with forestry workers.

"That agreement locked up



Terry Edwards... locking up forests and throwing away the key is not the right way to protect the environment.

another 170,000 ha of forest and was another attempt to try and sort the thing out," Terry said.

"[But] those attempts to sort things out failed because you don't have all protagonists in the room."

The long-running conflict between environmentalists and the forestry industry continued.

Terry Edwards was there when the industry had its guts ripped out.

“TERRY WAS THERE WHEN INDUSTRY HAD IT'S GUTS RIPPED OUT

A high Australian dollar, failing markets and shifting preferences for plantation and forest stewardship council-certified timber created the perfect storm.

In 2009, forestry investment giant Great Southern collapsed, not long after,

Forest Enterprises Australia went into administration. And then the real bombshell – the fall of Tasmanian timber giant Gunns Ltd.

Once the biggest hardwood sawmiller in the southern hemisphere, Gunns announced it would exit native timber logging in 2010. Two years later it entered voluntary administration.

"It ripped the guts out of FIAT and the industry," Terry Edwards said.

"At that stage, Gunns constituted 65% of FIAT's income and were a very significant player in the industry – in an employment sense, and investment sense and in overall contributions to the way the industry functioned."

After decades of vitriol, protests and violence between loggers and conservationists, the industry downturn paved the way for dialogue around the Tasmanian Forest Agreement.

Its aim was to end one of the world's longest-running

forestry conflicts – known by many as the forest peace deal, but not by Terry Edwards.

"I'm one of the few people that has never, and will never, describe it as the peace deal," he said.

For the head of the timber industry, only an agreement that settled all sides' agendas could be a peace deal.

"And while we had a very strong representative group of environment leaders in the room, what we didn't have was some of the old war horses – your Christine Milnes, your Bob Browns, your Alec Marrs, and people of that ilk, which are just never going to go away."

It took almost three years, but eventually old enemies stood side by side announcing a compromise that would see more than 500,000 ha of native forest protected and the timber industry downsized.

"I had an incredible

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difficulty agreeing at the end of the day to sign off on that agreement, because my personal philosophy is that I don't think locking forests up and throwing the key away is the right way to protect the environment," Terry added.

While the TFA legislation made it through parliament in 2013, the Greens' Kim Booth crossed the floor to vote against it in the Lower House.

To the timber industry boss, it heralded the failure of what he'd worked so hard to achieve.

He was not surprised the then opposition, Will Hodgman's Liberals, seized the moment, and campaigned for the 2014 election on a promise to rip up the peace deal.

"So you had a new government coming in with a strong mandate, saying 'we're going to tear this up' and that meant MLCs were saying, well it's probably going to fall apart anyway," Terry remembers.

In 2014, Tasmania's timber industry accepted the state's historic forest peace deal was dead.

"Funnily enough, depending on where the process was at any given time, the same person would either send me a hate or love letter," Terry said.



Unlikely ally... Terry Edwards (second from left) alongside Vica Bayley of the Wilderness Society during forestry peace deal talks in Hobart.

Amid the vitriol and criticism he found himself an unlikely ally of sorts – the Wilderness Society's Vica Bayley, who was another signatory to the agreement.

"We've maintained contact since then, we do still talk about industry issues and both of us, I think, feel that we can freely pick up the phone and talk to each other," Terry said.

While he doesn't believe the battles over Tasmania's forests are over, Terry Edwards said the full-blown war that existed when he took over as head of FIAT had receded.

"The wars are still there, they're not as vitriolic as they were, they're not as public as they were," he said.

Arguments over the Tarkine and a proposed new woodchip export facility have ignited passions most recently, but Terry believes

the TFA process resulted in a better relationship between the forest industry and environment groups.

The industry has shrunk dramatically, and he feels for the workers whose lives were turned upside down because of the deal.

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He admits he's pretty tired, pretty worn out.

"The TFA process in particular, I think people on both sides will admit, it took a lot out of all of us," he said.

"And the fact that it all was for naught, at the end of the day, is a little soul-destroying

on top of it."

But Terry is optimistic about the timber industry's future, which is now being marketed in the same way as Tasmania's niche, high-quality produce and wines.

But for the man himself, it's seven grandchildren and building a new house that are the key retirement priorities.

"There'll be a fair bit of timber in it, I can promise you that," he said.

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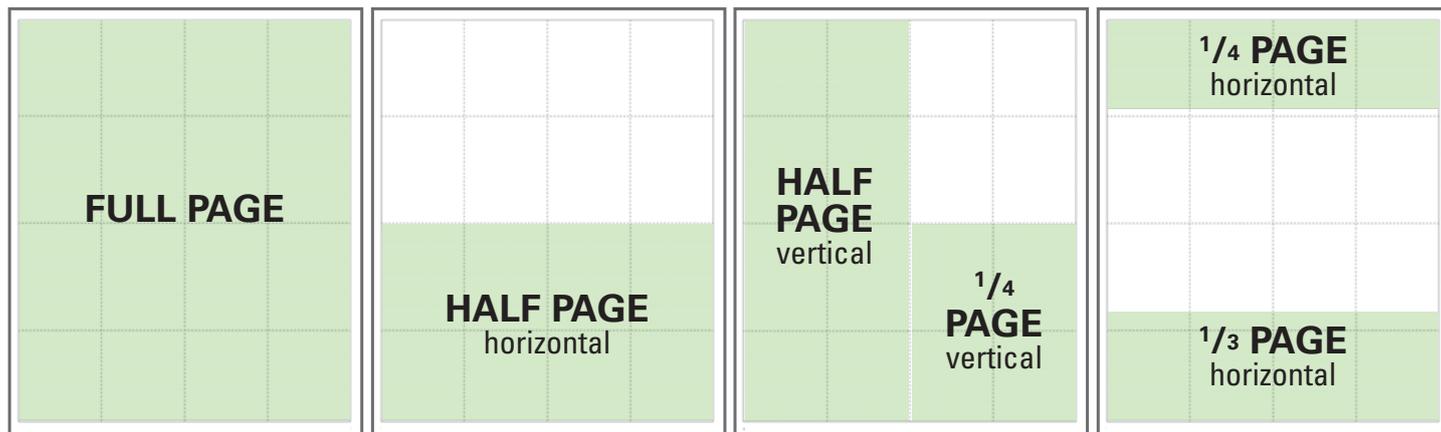
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