



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**AUSTRALIAN PLANTATION PRODUCTS & PAPER
INDUSTRY COUNCIL
(A3P)**

AND

**TIMBER QUEENSLAND LIMITED
(TQL)**

MARCH 2008



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PURPOSE OF MOU

This document serves to formalise a strategic alliance between the partners. It is not intended to have any legal basis. It represents acknowledgement of a desire for a close working relationship between the partners and a commitment to capitalise on efficiencies to be gained by a cooperative and shared approach to policy advocacy. Through cooperative advocacy, sharing of resource capability and expertise, and mutual recognition it will serve to strengthen the role and recognition of both partners.

The partners agree that they have significant interests in common and undertake to work constructively together to further the common interests of the memberships of both organisations.

PARTNERS

Australian Plantation Products & Paper Industry Council (A3P)
Timber Queensland Limited (TQL)

Scope of partners:

A3P: representative body for:

- The pulp and paper industry
- The plantation sawmilling sector (mostly softwood) nationally
- The plantation sector (mainly softwood) nationally

TQL: representative body for:

- Timber processing in Queensland
- Industry input to Queensland State Forest Policy
- Standards and Codes for timber application and use in Queensland context
- Timber fabrication and application in Queensland



TERM OF AGREEMENT

The memorandum of understanding will be reviewed after two years and renewed with the agreement of both partners.

CONSULTATION

- The Chief Executives of each organisation should consult on a regular basis, and especially when key issues are being developed and pursued.
- Each organisation has a process of policy determination and/or discussion. Observers from the partner organisation may be invited to participate. TQL's Standing Committees and A3P's Policy Committees are examples of where this could effectively operate.
- The partners acknowledge that occasionally there may be some policy inconsistency on certain issues. When inconsistent views occur the appropriate response may be either silence (if appropriate) or acknowledgement of the inconsistencies between TQL and A3P.

MEMBERS IN COMMON

Both partners acknowledge that they will have members in common. They acknowledge that, both in retaining their members and in expanding their membership, that they will not do so to the detriment of the partner organisation. Members and potential members should remain free to become members of one or both organisations, each partner may have an area of expertise that is attractive to members and it might be to their benefit to remain, or become, members of both organisations.



CORE ACTIVITIES

A3P

- Sustainability Action Plan
- Forest and Wood Products Australia (new R&D and marketing entity)
- Trade
- Structural Pine Grading
- Energy Market Reform
- Government Purchasing Policy
- Certification (Environmental / Sustainable Forest Management)
- Education and Training (skills shortages)
- Industry Data Statistics & Benchmarking
- Climate Change Market Mechanism
- Greenhouse Challenge
- Renewable Energy
- Product Stewardship
- Communications
- Member Relations
- Building Guidelines
- National Water Management Policy
- Resource Expansion (Plantations for Australia: the 2020 Vision)
- Plantation Health & Protection
- Chemical Pesticides
- CCA Treated Timber
- Extended Producer Responsibility (solid wood and paper)
- Timber Standards (Standards Australia)
- Transport
- Quality Assurance
- Plantation Pine Framing Campaign
- Inquiry Service
- Timber Product Survey
- ICFPA / FAO
- Research & Development
- Indigenous Employment Opportunities
- Timber for Tsunami Affected Areas
- Office Administration
- Policy Watch
- Promotion of paper

TQL:

- Promote timber sustainably and energy efficiency credentials in Queensland
- Promote design and construction for climate and site in the Queensland context
- Support forest management education to Queensland communities and career and skills development opportunities
- Ensure Queensland building codes, regulations and planning activities support increased use of timber and timber products
- In cooperation with A3P ensure relevant Australian Standards are technically sound and meet industry and community expectations
- Ensure timber's energy efficiency and sustainability attributes are developed and supported appropriately
- Provide Queensland industry with technical advice and support
- In cooperation with A3P develop programs to position forest and timber industry beneficially in the climate change debate
- Pursue significant plantation development in Queensland by both the public and private sectors to meet timber demand going forward
- Support private native forest development to provide additional resource in Queensland
- Support the recycled timber sector to increase resource recovery
- Promote and support internationally recognised forest certification systems and attendant chain of custody processes in Queensland
- Develop programs to assist compliance with developing energy, water and environmental requirements
- Represent Queensland industry in the Queensland Government Statewide Forest Planning process for crown native forests.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNERS

Each partner is responsible to its members and the industry.

This MOU acknowledges a further responsibility to share and understand various priorities and seek to efficiently gain outcomes for the benefit of our members, jointly and separately, and the industry.

Each partner will be responsible for their own resources and organisational arrangements. Beyond that the partners will make decisions on joint initiatives (both lobbying and financial) in consultation.

Chairman
A3P

Chairman
TQL

Date

Date

