

Our ref:

22 July 2010

Dr Shona Batge,
Committee Secretary,
Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment & Workplace
Relations

Dear Dr Batge,

RE: ForestWorks Industry Skills Council

Timber Queensland is the peak Forest and Timber Industry Body in Queensland representing this State's \$4 billion pa forest & timber Industry employing some 20000 people.

We have worked with ForestWorks for some time, are part of it's committee and industry liason network and are co-located with it's Queensland Branch.

In our view, ForestWorks accurately and reliably represents the views of Industry on skills and employment issues and their contribution , advice and knowledge provided towards skilling our current and future workforce is valued.

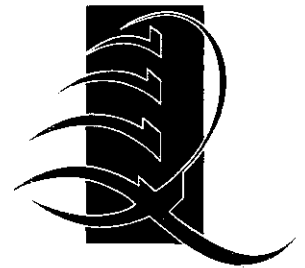
ForestWorks represents the seven sectors of our Industry across all states and territories, contributing not only to improving skills and training within Industry but also to wider Industry issues through workplace development initiatives and policies for Industry and the broader community.

We believe ForestWorks has rigorous governance standards including constitution, elected Directors, ASIC registration and auditing.

We support the ForestWorks submission to the Standing Committee and believe the continuation of ForestWorks is vital to our Industry.

Yours sincerely,

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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