



## Native Timber Advisory Panel Communique - December 2021

The Native Timber Advisory Panel commenced its work in June 2021 and has met four times. The purpose of the panel is to provide advice to the Queensland Government on policy options and implications for moving towards a sustainable future for the native timber industry.

Minister Furner has briefed members about his expectations for the panel and members have endorsed the panel's Terms of Reference.

Panel members have been provided with briefings about the native timber industry in Queensland, along with background on historic policy decisions on native forestry.

Panel members have been briefed about native timber resources on private land in Queensland and the contribution of this to the native timber industry, as well as the review of the *Managing a native forest practice* accepted development vegetation clearing code. Part of the panel's role is to consider the draft revised code and provide views on potential impacts on the native timber industry, environmental protection and achieving a balance between the two. Panel members are currently considering these issues.

A broad range of stakeholders are represented on the panel, bringing divergent interests and backgrounds. It is important that the ideas and views of all members are equally considered and there has been healthy debate on a range of issues to date.

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