

Media Release



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Statement on departure of AFPA Deputy CEO Mr Mick Stephens

The Australian Forest Product Association (AFPA) Deputy CEO and Manager of the Pulp and Paper Chamber, Mr Mick Stephens, is departing AFPA.

Mr Stephens has accepted the role of Chief Executive Officer of Timber Queensland.

Chief Executive Officer of the AFPA Mr Ross Hampton said, "Mr Stephens has directly served the interests of the forest industries of Australia for many years, firstly through the National Association of Forest Industries and for the last five years in senior roles at AFPA. Mr Stephens has played an important part in major policy debates and contributed significantly to our successes.

Mr Stephens will be moving to Queensland to take up this important leadership position heading the State Association, which is a member of AFPA, with our goodwill and best wishes. As the national Association, AFPA works collaboratively with all the State Associations, including Queensland, and this will continue."

Outgoing Chief Executive Officer of Timber Queensland Mr Rod McInnes welcomed the appointment of Mick Stephens as his successor saying his background will absolutely complement the Board's vision for the future of the Association.

"Mr Stephens' formal qualifications in Forestry and Economics, extensive industry involvement and previous Government experience along with his track record working with member-based organisations made him the ideal candidate to lead the Timber Queensland into the future," said Mr McInnes.

AFPA represents forest growers, harvesters, and manufacturers of timber and paper products.

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