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Aussie industry support sought for ‘Timber Beacon’ at COP26 in Glasgow

Australia’s forest industries are being asked to help build the ‘Timber Beacon’ at COP26 in Glasgow in November, a timber structure to show world leaders that embracing sustainably managed renewable timber industries will help to cut global emissions.

The Beacon will be used as a pavilion during COP26 to highlight forest industries to visitors and leaders attending. Its construction is being led by the European Confederation of Woodworking Industries (CEI-Bois) and the UK Timber Trade Federation and they are now calling for financial support from global industry members.

Chief Executive of the Australian Forest Products Association Ross Hampton said, “COP26 provides a unique platform to share the message that using timber in construction and increasing the tree estate around the world, will help to meet emissions reductions goals. I’d encourage Australians to support the project as an investment in their future.”

The Director of Public Affairs with CEI-Bos Paul Brannen said, “Increasing the use of timber products is an easy way to help decarbonise construction, renovation, and the wider built environment. We are focused on globally recognised good governance as the key to growing forests around the world.”

After COP26 the beacon will be relocated to London for the World of Wood Festival. For more details on sponsorship opportunities contact paul.brannen@cei-bois.org.

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The Timber Beacon initiative is supported by the Australian Forest Products Association, UK Aid, under the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's FGMC programme (Forest Governance, Markets and Climate).

The 'Timber Beacon' has been shortlisted by the British Government to be located at the COP26 Glasgow site for the duration of the talks. It will then be moved to London for the World of Wood Festival immediately after, then to EU Parliament to continue advocating for policy change which acknowledge wood's undisputable credentials as the only regenerative material that can deliver large scale construction.

Notes to editor:

[Download](#) the images and Timber Beacon animation here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QlbpbTlzMd5_Yr36KP-dJx5R5-q01UZJ?usp=sharing

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