

## Australian Forestry Standard Technical Committee

The Australian Forestry Standard Technical Committee (AFS TC) is a broad-based stakeholder group with a wide range of interests and expertise at a national level relevant to the supply or value chain from the forest to the end consumers.

The AFS TC has an important role to play in the development and review of the Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard, as it will:

- provide stakeholder views throughout the development, drafting and review of the CoC Standard;
- consider public comments received through the Public Comment period and the review of the Interim AS;
- work towards consensus on the performance elements to be embodied in the CoC Standard; and
- be balloted to ensure the CoC Standard reflects a consensus among the stakeholder groups.

The broad categories of interests that are to be represented are:

- forest managers and owners;
- employee representatives and contractors;
- primary and secondary wood processors;
- retailer and wholesaler interests; and
- regulatory or controlling bodies.

The AFS TC has seventeen seats including a Chair plus secretariat support from AFS Limited and is comprised of nominated representatives from the following national or peak organisations:

## PISC's Forestry and Forest Products Committee

The PISC's [Forestry and Forest Products Committee](http://www.mincos.gov.au/pi_sc_committees.htm#products) ([http://www.mincos.gov.au/pi\\_sc\\_committees.htm#products](http://www.mincos.gov.au/pi_sc_committees.htm#products)) has three representatives comprising the Chair of the AFS TC and two State representatives;

The Forestry and Forest Products Committee (FFPC) is one of the Committees that report to the Primary Industries Standing Committee (PISC) of the Primary Industries Ministerial Council (PIMC). Previously, it was the Standing Committee on Forestry that reported to the Ministerial Council on Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture. The FFPC is comprised of the Heads of the Commonwealth, State, Territory and New Zealand forestry agencies. The Papua New Guinea Forest Authority is an observer.

## NRMMC's Natural Resources Management Standing Committee

The NRMMC's [Natural Resources Management Standing Committee](http://www.mincos.gov.au/about_nrm_sc.htm) ([http://www.mincos.gov.au/about\\_nrm\\_sc.htm](http://www.mincos.gov.au/about_nrm_sc.htm)) has one representative;

The Land Water and Biodiversity Committee (LWBCC) is one of the Committees that report to the Natural Resources Management Standing Committee (NRMSC) of the Natural Resources Management Ministerial Council (NRMMC). Previously, it was the Standing Committee on Conservation that reported to the Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council.

The LWBC comprises senior officials nominated by the Ministers from the Commonwealth, State, Territory, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea agencies responsible for conservation and natural resource management.

### **National Association of Forest Industries**

The [National Association of Forest Industries](#) has one representative;

NAFI presents the forest industry's views to the people of Australia, governments and public authorities on matters relating to the national development and use of forests and forest products, including plantations. It also promotes community awareness of the forest industries by providing information and education material.

### **Australian Plantation Products and Paper Industry Council (A3P)**

The [Australian Plantation Products and Paper Industry Council](http://www.a3p.asn.au/) (<http://www.a3p.asn.au/>) has one representative;

A3P resulted from the merger of the functions of the Plantation Timber Association of Australia and the Australian Paper Industry Council, unifying representation for two of Australia's most important sustainable regional industries. The members of A3P include virtually all the major plantation growers, processors and paper manufacturers in Australia. The diversity of membership and representation from the three sectors allows A3P to develop innovative and constructive positions that reflect the interest of all parties along the production chain. A3P's activities are broadly divided into four streams: Plantation Resources; Economic and Industry; Environment and Energy; and Timber Market Development.

### **Australian Forest Growers**

[Australian Forest Growers](#) has one representative;

Australian Forest Growers (AFG) is a national association representing and promoting the interests of private commercial forestry and farm tree growers. The AFG is run by a voluntary national council of growers. AFG members include farm foresters and plantation growers, native forest managers, city based forestry investors, investment companies, forestry consultants, tree and equipment suppliers and industrial forestry companies. AFG membership covers about 80 per cent of plantations in Australia and a significant area of privately owned native forests.

### **Australian Council of Trade Unions**

The Australian Council of Trade Unions has one representative;

The [Australian Council of Trade Unions \(ACTU\)](#) is the only peak council and national centre representing the national interest of the Australian union movement.

The ACTU is made up of 52 affiliated unions representing around 2.0 million workers.

The ACTU is able to speak on behalf of all workers including those in manufacturing, finance, government and the service sector generally. It includes trades, sales, clerical, technical and professional workers amongst its affiliated union membership.

### **Australian Forest Contractors Association**

The Australian Forest Contractors Association has one representative;

The Australian Forest Contractors Association is the national organisation representing timber harvesting and haulage contractors and operators in both the hardwood and softwood forest industries.

### **Australian Wood Panels Association (AWPA)**

The [Australian Wood Panels Association](#) has one representative;

AWPA is an organisation formed to promote the use of reconstituted wood products such as MDF and Particleboard and further research and development to conserve the agricultural and forestry resources of Australia.

Our mission is for the Australian industry to develop an internationally competitive and ecologically sustainable wood panels industry. An efficient industry based on maximising value added opportunities and the efficient use of wood resources which would provide the basis for expansion in wood product manufacturing which in turn will provide national and economic benefit.

### **Plywood Association of Australasia (PAA)**

The [Plywood Association of Australasia](#) has one representative:

The Association remains an industry driven organisation, voluntarily funded by plywood manufacturers in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea and supported by affiliate members who are suppliers of goods and services to the plywood industry.

The Association has developed and maintains a high respect across the broad range of our contacts and clients both domestically and internationally as an industry wide organisation whose emphasis is on self help. The activities of the modern PAA are almost entirely market developmental.

In this context the mission statement of the Association is: 'The mission of the PAA is to assist in maximising the medium to long term financial benefits to all of its members. This mission is to be achieved by using the PAA as a vehicle to provide those functions which none of the members, as individual corporations can effectively provide for themselves'.

### **National Furnishing Industry Association of Australia**

The National Furnishing Industry Association of Australia has one representative;

The [National Furnishing Industry Association of Australia \(FIAA\)](#) is an industry association representing businesses in all the sectors of the furnishing industry. The FIAA exists exclusively for the furnishing industry. It is recognised as the voice of the furnishing industry by Federal and State Governments, media and the general public.

### **Timber Merchants Association (TMA)**

The [Timber Merchants Association](#) (<http://www.timber.asn.au/>) has one representative;

The Timber Merchants Association of Victoria (TMA) represents businesses from the Merchant, Wholesale and Manufacturing sectors of the Timber Industry. The TMA is a provider of expert advice and services that members require to satisfy the needs of their customers and cope with increasing competition in the marketplace.

The TMA's vision is to increase the efficiency, productivity and profitability of members businesses through its industry specific focus and ability to service the specialised needs of timber merchants.

## **Australian Timber Importers Federation**

The [Australian Timber Importers Federation](#) has one representative;

ATIF - the Australian Timber Importers Federation - has been established for over 20 years and represents the interests of the timber importer / wholesaler sector of the national timber industry. It is responsible for coordinating the State activities of timber importers and wholesalers and identifying issues that are of National significance and therefore can be best handled nationally.

## **Australian Retailers Association (ARA)**

The [Australian Retailers Association](#) has one representative;

The Australian Retailers Association was established in June 1996, combining the resources of the Retailers Council of Australia; the Retail Traders' Association of New South Wales; the Retail Traders' Association of Victoria; the Retail Traders' Association of South Australia; the Retailers Association of Queensland and the Tasmanian Chamber of Retailers.

The Australian Retailers Association mission is 'To be the pre-eminent, cohesive, nationwide organisation which is recognised as representing the diverse interests of all retailers and is the most effective provider of quality information and services to members which fosters an environment conducive to their business success'.

## **Master Builders Australia**

The [Master Builders Australia](#) has one representative:

Master Builders is the major Australian building and construction industry association. Its primary role is to promote the viewpoints and interests of the building and construction industry and to provide services, industrial relations, building codes and standards, industry economics and international relations.

Master Builders is Australia's oldest industry association. Over the past 105 years Master Builders has grown to over 23,000 member companies with representation in every state and territory in Australia.

## **The Decorative Wood Veneer Association**

The [Decorative Wood Veneer Association](#) (<http://www.woodveneer.asn.au/>) has one representative;

The Decorative Wood Veneer Association's intentions are to:

"To be recognised as the leading authority on decorative wood veneer and decorative wood veneered panel products in Australia. To be actively involved in the promotion and expansion of the market of decorative wood veneered panel products manufactured in Australia; developing industry standards; providing education for our industry and all end users; and a forum for networking for its members."