

Policy number	Policy 251
Policy title	<u>Sustainable Rainforest Timbers – Use in Town construction</u>
Strategic outcomes supported	EN1 - <u>Protecting and enhancing the natural environment</u> EN5 – <u>Appropriate and sustainable facilities that are well built and well maintained</u> Appropriate and sustainable facilities for everyone that are well built, well maintained and well managed.

Policy objective:

To forbid the use of unsustainably sourced rainforest timber in Town construction.
Substitute carbon-intensive materials such as steel and cement with low embodied carbon to reduce the industry's carbon footprint.

Policy scope:

This policy applies to all construction or building projects undertaken wholly or jointly by the Town.

Policy definitions:

Sustainable timber is timber sourced from sustainably managed and certified forests. Applicable to both native forests and plantations, sustainably managed and certified forests forest certification demonstrates the implementation of sustainable forest management practices. ices and is conducted

Certification is through an audit by an independent third-party certification agency. In Australia, forests can be certified by the two major global forest certification bodies – the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) under the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme, or the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Rainforest timber refers to timber sourced from wood that is grown in a rainforest. A rainforest is noted as a particular type of native forest because of the high amount of rainfall occurring during the year (being more than 100 inches or 254 centimetres). A native forest comprises of tree species that naturally regenerate.

This native forest is differentiated from plantation forests (which may also be grown in areas where rainfall levels would normally constitute grounds for classification of a native forest being considered as a rainforest). Plantation forests are planted by non-natural means, usually in rows for the purpose of wood production.

Policy statement:

Timbers that do not provide a chain of custody certification Rainforest timbers shall not be used in any construction or building project undertaken wholly or jointly by the Town. Further, all timber used throughout the Town must to align with Australian standards of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) under the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme, or the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).The Responsible Wood Certification Scheme or Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

Related documents

N# Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708)

3. Chain of Custody for Forest Products (AS 4707)

3. Sustainable timber - Making a case for environment-friendly construction | Architecture & Design
(architectureanddesign.com.au)

Responsible officers	- Manager Technical Services
Policy manager	Chief Operations Officer
Approval authority	Council
Next evaluation date	

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Commented [AL1]: @John Wong and @David Bentley to align with Nat's comments in the review document I have added to the policy statement and made reference to related documents. Can you both please confirm that this is acceptable in the context of the policy document.

Commented [DB2R2]: @Alex Louise @John Wong if "environmentally certified" and the "The Responsible Wood Certification Scheme" are the same thing, I would reword to "All timber used throughout the town is to align to the Australian Standards of the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme", otherwise it gives the impression they are two separate things.

and if they are two separate things, the "environmentally certified" needs to be expanded on as to what that means.

Commented [AL3R2]: @David Bentley great feedback! thank you - amended accordingly.

Commented [JW4R2]: Thanks Alex and David

Commented [BN5R2]: Thanks all, looks fine to me