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| <b>Policy number</b>                | Policy 251  |
| <b>Policy title</b>                 | Sustainable Timber – Use in Town Construction   |
| <b>Strategic outcomes supported</b> | EN1 - Protecting and enhancing the natural environment<br>EN5 – Appropriate and sustainable facilities that are well built and well maintained. |

### Policy objective:

To forbid the use of unsustainably sourced timber in Town construction.

### 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 demonstrate the implementation of sustainable forest management practices.

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).

### Policy statement:

Timbers that do not provide a chain of custody certifications 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 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).

### Related documents

1. Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708)
2. Chain of Custody for Forest Products (AS 4707)
3. [Sustainable timber - Making a case for environment-friendly construction | Architecture & Design \(architectureanddesign.com.au\)](http://architectureanddesign.com.au)

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| <b>Responsible officers</b> | Manager Technical Services |
| <b>Policy manager</b>       | Chief Operations Officer   |
| <b>Approval authority</b>   | Council                    |
| <b>Next evaluation date</b> |                            |

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