

Policy number	Policy 251
Policy title	Sustainable timber – use in Town construction
Strategic outcomes supported	EN1 – Protecting and enhancing the natural environment EN5 – Providing facilities that are well built and 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 certification 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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