



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RESOURCES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY**

Inquiry into the Australian Forestry Industry

*Chair: The Hon Dick Adams MP  
Deputy Chair: Mr Alby Schultz MP*

# **Forestry certification in the spotlight**

## **—FSC Australia to appear at public hearing—**

On Wednesday 17 August 2011, the House of Representatives Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee will hear from representatives of the **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Australia**. This organisation is part of a global non-profit group that develops standards for measuring responsible forest practices. FSC certification addresses forest management, verification and chain-of-custody, and provides consumers with information about available wood products.

In its submission to the inquiry (submission 111), FSC Australia calls for the federal parliament and government to support the organisation and its work on developing a 'stakeholder endorsed forest management standard'. The submission details the steps required to develop a nationally and internationally recognised standard, and indicates that a widely supported standard would enhance the future of the Australian forestry industry.

Certification has emerged as an important issue for the future of the forestry industry in Australia, and the Committee is keen to hear evidence from FSC about certification in Australia.

### **PUBLIC HEARING—Canberra, Wednesday 17 August 2011**

**WHERE:** Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

**WHEN:** Wednesday 17 August 2011, 5pm

**WEBCAST:** <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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