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NATIONAL TREE DAY – A DAY TO CELEBRATE

National Tree Day on Sunday 29th July will be celebrated by timber communities throughout Australia claimed Timber Communities Australia today.

“The Australian forest industry plants millions of trees a year whilst providing important jobs in rural Australia”, said Ms Jill Lewis CEO of national grassroots community organization Timber Communities Australia (TCA).

“The anti-everything environmental movement have hijacked this day in an attempt to highlight what they claim are poor forestry practices but they fail to recognize the important role forestry plays in the climate change debate”, Ms Lewis said.

“Active forest management not only contributes to a healthier forest but also sequesters and stores millions of tonnes of CO₂”.

“National Tree Day this year provides timber communities with another reason to celebrate as the World Bank today has recognised the certification of the Australian Forestry Standards which certifies approximately 9 million hectares of forests throughout Australia”, said Ms Lewis.

“TCA members and branches will be celebrating by planting trees in schools, education centres and parks with local community members over the next week. TCA members are proud to play their part in combating climate change and being part of Australia’s most sustainable industry – the Australian timber industry”, concluded Ms Lewis.

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