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Professor Garnaut in line with United Nations- Forestry Providing Massive Greenhouse Benefit

Tasmanian timber dependent families welcome the news that Professor Ross Garnaut has identified the massive greenhouse reduction benefits to be gained from managed forests and the daily use of wood based products gained from those managed forests.

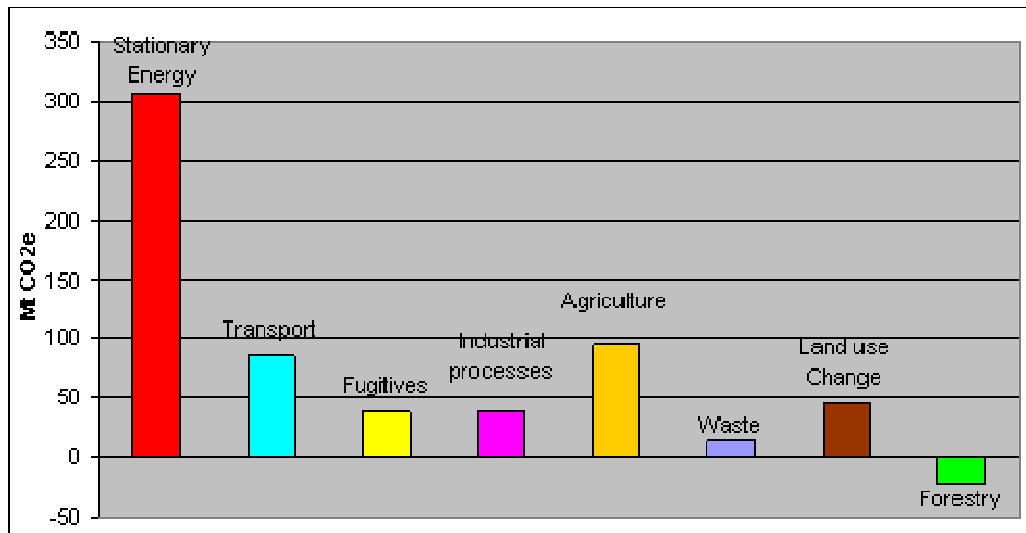
These positive finding by Prof Garnaut is great news as it reconfirms the 2007 United Nations Climate Change report that found, **“In the long term, a sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while producing an annual sustained yield of timber, fibre or energy from the forest, will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit[1].”** [1] Chapter 9 Page 543 United Nations 2007

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

“The importance of addressing greenhouse emissions is known by all and Timber Communities Australia is very proud of the contribution Tasmania’s forest industry is making in meeting this challenge, and it is very pleasing that this contribution it is now being recognised”, Barry Chipman Timber Communities Australia Tasmanian State Manager said today

This massive greenhouse mitigation benefit provided by our forest industry is also confirmed by the Australian Greenhouse Office as outlined in its 2006 *Tracking to the Kyoto Target* graph : Australia’s Greenhouse Emissions Trends 1990 to 2008-2012 and 2020.

Figure 1: Australia's projected sectoral emissions for 2010[1]



“Tasmanian members of Timber Communities Australia are very pleased that Prof Garnaut has identified the valuable contribution forestry is making in addressing greenhouse emissions and we now look forward to working with governments to enhance these benefits”. Mr Chipman concluded.

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