

# Media Release



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## Carr out of gas?

Timber Communities Australia CEO, Jim Adams today condemned Mr Carr's intervention in the carbon debate.

“As Premier of NSW, Mr Carr's Government left the legacy of mismanagement now burdening the current Government including the almost complete destruction of the jobs, economic activity and rural and regional communities that once made up NSW's world leading forest and forest products industries” Mr Adams said.

“The fact is that the ongoing management of the very small remaining percentage of Australia's native forests that are still available for productive management is sustainable and world class and makes a positive contribution to the management of climate change”. Mr Adams said

In 2007 even the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report concluded.

*“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

Mr. Carr's intervention is clearly at odds with this finding and the recognition within the Garnaut reports and the Federal Governments Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme green paper that the active management of Australia's forests has the potential to make a significant contribution to Australia's response to climate change.

These findings all stand in stark contract to the “lock it up and wait for it to burn down” approach of Mr Carr's and his Sydney chardonnay set.

“TCA calls upon Mr Carr to explain how he is going to ensure that the carbon in existing reserves is going to be prevented from being released through natural decay and the ever increasing mega fires we as a nation are experiencing”. Mr Adams said.

“As well TCA calls upon Mr Carr to explain how, when we are no longer producing structural grade products from our native forests, as he would have it, the replacement of these products with imported products or high embedded energy or carbon emissions intensive products such as steel, concrete or aluminium can possible make a net positive contribution to Australia's efforts to manage its carbon emissions”. Mr Adams concluded.

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