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TIMBER COMMUNITIES SEEK COMMITMENT

Timber Communities Australia (TCA) is a national grassroots community organisation representing timber workers, their families and businesses dependent on Australia's sustainable timber industry.

Over 230 people from throughout Australia have travelled to Western Australia this week to attend the 2007 Timber Communities Australia National Conference being held at AQWA to seek commitment about the future viability of Australia's timber industry and dependent communities.

The Australian timber industry employs over 80,000 people and is vital to the long term social and economic well being of many timber communities and the TCA conference provides delegates with a chance to network, learn the issues facing their communities and to have input into ways in which the industry can continue to move forward.

In a year which will see a Federal Election, conference delegates will be looking forward to hearing the presentations from the Prime Minister John Howard, Federal Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd, Federal Forestry Minister Senator Eric Abetz and Western Australia's Forestry Minister the Hon. Kim Chance.

TCA delegates will send a clear message to all decision makers that we are not prepared to lose access to resource that in the past has delivered job losses and insecurity to our members and their communities. Environmental policy is important but when policy ignores people the impacts on all Australia's is much greater.

A special part of the conference is the presentation of the Trevor Cederman Award at the TCA Dinner. Trevor Cederman was loved and respected TCA member from Western Australia who lost his life in a work accident in 1995. Every year TCA awards a member with the Trevor Cederman Memorial Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions to timber communities.

The Conference is being held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th at AQWA at Hillary's Harbour and we welcome all media.

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