# **AUSTRALIAN FORESTRY STANDARD LIMITED**



**Australian Forestry Standard Limited** is a Standards Development Organisation and is a not-for profit public company registered in July 2003. The company owns the standard development functions, maintains their currency and manages the mandatory revision process.

#### **AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS**

- AS 4708-2007 The Australian Forestry Standard for Sustainable Forest Management
- AS 4707-2006 The Australian Forestry Standard for Wood and Wood Products Chain of Custody

### **VISION**

To make the Australian Forestry Standards the pre-eminent forest management and chain of custody Standards in Australia and endorsed globally.

The following values guide us in our work:

- Openness and transparency
- Responsibility and accountability
- Integrity and objectivity
- Mutual respect and trust
- Leadership
- Collaboration
- Honest governance and communication

#### The Australian Forestry Standards will:

- Provide Australian and overseas consumers with an independent, internationally recognised Standards for third-party certification in Australia.
- Promote a culture of 'continuous improvement' of the sustainable forest management practices in Australia.
- Support a market for forest products that are a result of sustainable forest management practices and value adding processes that maintain the integrity of the source for using wood-based products.

## THE COMPANY

The company is an accredited Standards Development Organisation with accreditation being awarded by the Accreditation Board for Standards Development Organisations (ABSDO). The scope of the accreditation was "to develop Australian Standards for forest management for wood production and Australian Standards that are aligned with international benchmarks".

#### INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Australian Standards are world-class forestry standards that are endorsed by the world's biggest assessor of sustainable forest management. The Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC). PEFC has 35 member countries, over 230 million hectares of certified world forests and over 7000 Chain of Custody certified organisations, all with mutual recognition of the AFS through its membership.