

Steering Committee

The Australian Forestry Standard Steering Committee

The Australian Forestry Standard Steering Committee (Steering Committee) managed the national project to develop an Australian Forestry Standard between late 1999 to June 2003. The Steering Committee's role was to:

- promote the development of an Australian Forestry Standard;
- constitute the Technical Reference Committee; and
- provide the necessary resources to support the development process.

The Steering Committee had a membership of eight including Chair plus secretariat support from the AFS Project Management Team and was comprised of nominated representatives from the following organisations:

PISC's Forestry and Forest Products Committee

The [PISC's Forestry and Forest Products Committee](http://www.mincos.gov.au/about_pi_sc.htm) (http://www.mincos.gov.au/about_pi_sc.htm) had three representatives comprising the Chair of the Steering Committee, a Commonwealth and State representative;

The [Forestry and Forest Products Committee](http://www.mincos.gov.au/pi_sc_committees.htm#products) (FFPC) (http://www.mincos.gov.au/pi_sc_committees.htm#products) is one of the Committees that report to the Primary Industries Standing Committee (PISC) of the Primary Industries Ministerial Council (PIMC). Previously, it was the Standing Committee on Forestry that reported to the Ministerial Council on Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture. The FFPC is comprised of the Heads of the Commonwealth, State, Territory and New Zealand forestry agencies. The Papua New Guinea Forest Authority is an observer.

NRMMC's Natural Resources Management Standing Committee

The [NRMMC's Natural Resources Management Standing Committee](http://www.mincos.gov.au/about_nrm_sc.htm) (http://www.mincos.gov.au/about_nrm_sc.htm) had one representative;

The Natural Resources Management Standing Committee (NRMSC) is the Standing Committee that reports to the Natural Resources Management Ministerial Council (NRMMC). Previously, it was the Standing Committee on Conservation that reported to the Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council. The NRMSC comprises senior officials nominated by the Ministers from the Commonwealth, State, Territory, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea agencies responsible for conservation and natural resource management.

National Association of Forest Industries

The [National Association of Forest Industries](#) had one representative;

The National Association of Forest Industries (NAFI) presents the forest industry's views to the people of Australia, governments and public authorities on matters relating to the national development and use of forests and forest products, including plantations. It also promotes community awareness of the forest industries by providing information and education material.

Plantation Timber Association of Australia (PTAA)

The [Plantation Timber Association of Australia](#) had one representative;

The Plantation Timber Association of Australia (PTAA) represented softwood and hardwood plantation growers and the processors of plantation timber. The PTAA membership included a wide range of small, medium and large companies who collectively own and/or managed more than 800,000 hectares of plantations and process more than four and half million cubic metres of timber annually."

[NOTE: The PTAA was merged with the Australian Paper Industry Council to form the Australian Plantation Products and Paper Industry Council (A3P) in 2003]

Australian Forest Growers

[Australian Forest Growers](#) had one representative;

Australian Forest Growers (AFG) is a national association representing and promoting the interests of private commercial forestry and farm tree growers.

The AFG is run by a voluntary national council of growers with committees on Communications, Finance, Taxation, Insurance, Marketing and Research and Development. AFG members include farm foresters and plantation growers, native forest managers, city based forestry investors, investment companies, forestry consultants, tree and equipment suppliers and industrial forestry companies.

AFG membership covers about 80 per cent of plantations in Australia and a significant area of privately owned native forests.

Australian Council of Trade Unions

The [Australian Council of Trade Unions](#) had one representative.

The Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) is the only peak council and national centre representing the national interest of the Australian union movement.

The ACTU is made up of 52 affiliated unions representing around 2.0 million workers. The ACTU is able to speak on behalf of all workers including those in manufacturing, finance, government and the service sector generally. It includes trades, sales, clerical, technical and professional workers amongst its affiliated union membership.