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CALM BRIEFING PAPER 1/89

USE OF TIMBER IN BUILDINGS

CALM is by far the largest timber grower in W.A. It supplies the bulk of commercial logs for processing.

The Timber Strategy paper commits CALM to promoting value-added timber products.

In the U.S.A., N.Z., Canada and other overseas countries timber is used more extensively in efficiently designed high value structural applications, than in Australia. Significant advances are being made in eastern Australia. In W.A. there are now two companies offering complete services in engineering design, supervision and construction in timber. The Companies are Bunnings Timber Structures and Timber Engineering Group (TEG). They offer services for building commercial structures in timber which are cost competitive with other products.

Because of CALM's role as the major grower and its commitment to timber value adding, Districts are to promote the use of timber structures and other value-added wood products where they are cost competitive. When calling tenders for buildings such as aircraft hangers, sheds etc., Districts should ensure that firms offering timber construction are given an equal opportunity to quote.

Details on the services offered by these companies are available from Mr Beange or Mr Shedley in the Como office.

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