



Why Timber Importers and Wholesalers Should Join ATIF?

About the Australian Timber Importers Federation

ATIF is in the protection business – protecting the commercial interests of timber product importers and wholesalers.

ATIF is the peak national body representing the business interests of timber product importing and wholesaling companies.



ATIF provides timber product importers and wholesalers with direct access to Federal Government ministers and officials.



ATIF ensures that the compulsory levies paid by timber product importers are spent by Forest and Wood Products Australia in the best commercial interests of importing and wholesaling companies.

ATIF represents and advocates for the importing and wholesaling sector of the timber industry. ATIF is governed by a constitution and board of directors. ATIF assists member companies to:



Understand and discharge environmental and legislative responsibilities.



Support and promote relevant innovation, research and development.



Strengthen their commercial performance.



Improve market opportunities and competitive advantage in order to increase overall demand for timber products.



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ATIF communicates with politicians, government entities, the timber industry supply chain, stakeholders, and the community on behalf of timber importers and wholesalers. ATIF articulates the critical role that timber product importers and wholesalers play in Australia's residential and commercial construction industries.

ATIF interacts with the Federal Government in relation to illegal logging legislation and associated matters, biosecurity requirements that impact on timber product import conditions, customs, duty payments, product certification and other issues pertinent to the timber importing and wholesaling sector.

ATIF continues to work hard to grow the timber importing sector as a truly carbon positive industry that provides major economic, social and employment benefits to the Australian community.

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So, with building and construction buoyant and timber product demand strong, the other side of the ledger shows domestic supply capacity flat-lining at best. Thankfully for the building and construction sector, imported timber products are, and will continue to fill this widening breach.

It is clear that without timber importers doing the heavy lifting house construction targets would not have been achieved and the 26,000 imported timber product-linked jobs, estimated by the Housing Industry Association, the construction and building sector would be under serious threat.

No doubt about it, timber product importers are making a major contribution to the building and construction sector, and to the timber product supply chain. Expect to see timber imports continuing to drive the availability of sophisticated engineered wood products that will facilitate both the predicted strengthening of the residential new housing market and the mid-rise building construction momentum.

ATIF is the point of contact for the timber importing and wholesaling sector with Forest and Wood Products Australia, and has a working relationship with the Timber Development Association, other timber industry organisations, and a number of relevant standards, and other timber industry committees and interests.

Join ATIF

Membership of ATIF is available to companies where timber product importing and wholesaling is a significant component of their business.

ATIF has a range of membership fees depending on company size and national network. There is now a special membership arrangement and annual fee available to smaller timber importing and wholesaling companies with a single site and less than 20 employees.

Membership Enquiries

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