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South-East Queensland forestry hub management team ready to get to work

The South-East Queensland regional forestry hub took a big-step forward last week with the appointment of the management team to implement and progress further development of the industry in the region.

The South-East Queensland forestry hub is part of a network of hubs funded by the Australian Government, with one million dollars in seed funding for the South-East hub to leverage and implement projects to boost productivity and growth in the sector.

After a thorough selection process by the regional Steering Committee, Kerry Fullarton has been appointed as Hub Manager. Kerry has over 30 years' experience as a senior manager for a range of Government sponsored and private sector projects. With a strong background in stakeholder engagement and project management, Kerry said she has delivered a broad range of skills based and business outcomes in the local area.

"I very much look forward to reaching out and meeting with local companies and stakeholders to further grow the forest and timber industry in the region," said Mrs Fullarton.

"A key task will be to look at the opportunities and challenges for the industry going forward, and to prioritise key projects that can help boost industry growth and investment," she said.

Kerry will be assisted by Mark Diedrichs in the part-time role of Technical Advisor to the hub. Mark has extensive commercial industry experience working within Australia and New Zealand with relevant qualifications in economics and forestry.

Mr Diedrichs will provide technical and commercial expertise to the deliberations of the Steering Committee and management team, as well as with project proponents.

"Being part of an integrated team will provide significant value to the aims and goals of the South-East hub, and assist in the implementation of key projects," said Mr Diedrichs.

Timber Queensland, the peak body for Queensland's forest and timber industry, has partnered with the Australian Government for the delivery of the South-East Queensland and North Queensland hubs.

The regional hubs are a key action under the Australian Government's National Forest Industries Plan.

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Image Attached: Mark Diedrichs, Technical Advisor to the hub and Kerry Fullarton, South-East Queensland Regional Forestry Hub Manager, meeting to discuss implementation.

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