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Dear Andrew

Workplace health and safety issues

We refer to discussions in relation to the duties and obligations arising under the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995* (Qld).

Manufacturers (and suppliers of imported product) seek to demonstrate that they have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that particular product is safe and without risk by subjecting the product to the certification process through the JAS-ANZ certification protocols including Product Certification; Plywood Association of Australia Ltd (Logos); JAS-ANZ Accredited under Reg. No. Z1460695AB; International Quality Management System (Logo) ISO 9002 NATA Certified; Accredited under Reg. No. S1220792AS; Quality System Certified to AS/NZS/ISO 9002.

In relation to the certification protocols, we can make the following comments:

1. The Plywood Association of Australia Ltd is a body which is authorised to conduct product certification tests in relation to plywood products to determine whether those products meet the particular specifications and standards prescribed.
2. The certification by the Plywood Association of Australia Ltd and the application of the JAS-ANZ logos constitutes a certificate of compliance with the obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure that the product is safe and without risk to health when used within the specification required by the standards and the subject of the certification.

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3. The product certification by the Plywood Association of Australia Ltd applying the JAS-ANZ certification protocols is a certification of assurance by Plywood Association of Australia Ltd that the product meets the requirements of the above certification standards.

Yours faithfully

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