

# Are You Buying Illegal Wood?

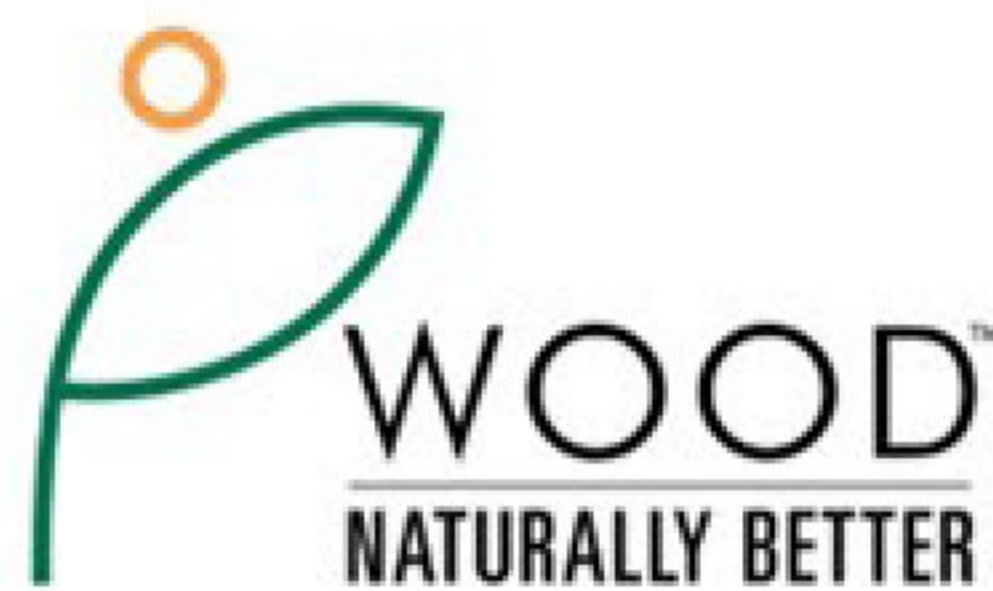
A Special Report about ethical timber every caring consumer must read before you build a deck



Deck  Max

The secret fixing solution for timber decking

Organisations we are certified and / or support:





## Are we running out of Forest?

Once upon a time you simply went out and bought wood, wherever it came from and however it was harvested.

However these days preserving the trees, woodlands and forests is an imperative and essential for the future survival of the human race and something we should all agree is important. As a result of this, buying wood has become quite a complex matter with a lot of grey areas.

## What is Illegal logging in Australia?

Illegal logging is very serious and a very real problem internationally and in Australia.

Promoting forest loss and damage and robbing developing nations of up to US\$30 billion in needed revenues each year.

Illegal loggers also have an unfair advantage over legitimate timber producers allowing cheap timber to flood the Australian Markets. They also mix in illegal wood with legal wood.

It's for such reasons that it would be absurd for you buying timbers that you cannot track the chain of custody... Are you?

**You think  
you are getting  
a bargain but are  
you really?**





## What is Chain of Custody in Wood?

“The Chain of Custody Standard (AS 4707) provides all organisations in the wood or forest products certification chain with the minimum criteria and requirements to implement a credible system for the tracking of wood or forest products originating from certified forests through all phases of ownership, transportation and manufacturing to the end consumer” <http://www.forestrystandard.org.au/>

## What does this mean to me?

When buying your timber for your decking project ask a couple of simple questions:

- Do you have a FSC Certification? – If the answer is anything but yes don't buy the timber.
- Do you have chain of custody on your timbers and can I see it? – If the answer is I will get back to you or no don't buy the timber.

Remember, if you buy timbers that do not have the chain of custody or the people are not sure you ARE supporting illegal forestry.



## What is sustainable wood?

Sustainable wood comes from sustainably managed forests. It's renewable because the forest stewards manage the landscape to prevent damage to eco-systems, watersheds, wildlife and the trees themselves, taking a long term rather than short term view of the resource

Sustainable wood can also refer to buying locally to reduce the amount of energy consumed in harvesting, processing, and transporting wood materials.

Wood from unsustainable sources, on the other hand, is chopped down at will leaving large bare areas that unless they're carefully treated, never really recover. The effects are clear – illegal logging leads to wholesale destruction.



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# How to identify sustainable wood – The FSC

Always look for official certification of the wood's sustainable source, even if it says it's from the EU. There have been questions about wood from some EU sources, for example illegal logging has long been suspected in Russian and Siberian forests.



The Forest Stewardship Council

FSC – is an independent not for profit organisation promoting responsible management of the world's forests. Their certification system provides internationally recognised standard-setting and trademark assurance to anyone, business or individual, who is interested in supporting responsible forestry.



The FSC logo is something you can rely on, and there's also the PEFC logo, a sign that the Programme for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification has been involved.

Together they help guarantee wood comes from sustainable sources, replaced after harvesting, taken without harming the environment and neighbouring ecosystems.

## Why did we produce this Special Report?

We get frustrated by the lack of public knowledge of what is happening in the world of timber and continue to try and educate the public on this serious matter.

Often we get asked why are our timbers more stable and cost a little more than others the reason for this is we take great care with our imported timbers and local grown timbers to build strong relationships direct with the Mills and making sure they comply with sustainable forestry.

There are still people promoting, selling and installing timbers that are not from sustainable forests and they don't care because it's about price and profit. Everyone has a responsibility to make the world a better place for generations to come.



So the real question is.....  
**Are YOU going to buy illegal timber?**

# For more than 12 Years, Over 11,986 Homeowners Australia-wide have Relied on the **Ethical Timber of Deck-Max**

## **HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY...**

### **Savings from reduced waste**

"The Deck Max process is simple to use and with everything supplied is so convenient. Time saved on doing the job and savings from reduced waste with end matched timber is significant. So, thanks for assisting me in getting this sourced so easily."

- *Alan Barber*

### **Everyone comments how amazing it is**

"You possibly won't remember but I got some fixings off you a couple of months ago to do my 30m2 deck using 140mm Merbau in Hamilton Vic. To say it looks sensational would be a gross understatement!!!! And absolutely everyone that comes around comments on how amazing it is. We could not be happier with the way it went down and the finished product!!! if you ever need some promotion for using Deck Max with 140mm boards please don't hesitate to give me a call and I will send some photos."

- *Ian McLean*

### **Amazed with the finish**

"From the first exploratory conversation I had with Deck-Max to the delivery of all material to finishing the build I found all staff really understood and loved their products, were incredibly helpful and to top it off, very pleasant and easy going. I really could not have asked for more. Plenty of all the materials arrived, down to the screws and glue, which is pretty good coming from Queensland to the ACT. The Deck-Max team were always ready to help with small questions. The instructions were easy to follow and with a couple of mates we laid a 60 sq m deck in 2 and a bit days, ready to oil because of the no nails. Everyone who has visited our place, including those looking over the back, love it and are amazed at the finish. I would happily recommend the Deck-Max team and product to anybody. Thank you."

- *Peter Channels*

### **Great Product**

"I would like to congratulate the hole team on the product, service and follow up. The decking is machined very accurately and the fixing method is great to use creating a very neat job. The quantities of the decking and the glue and fixings is accurate and generous. The delivery details were accurate and followed up well by the team. I would like to recommend this product highly. Great product, great service, great result. Thanks and regards."

- *Mick O'Brien*

### **Very impressive**

"Aside from the great product, after talking with you, I was definitely making the purchase. Thanks for all the information, help and quick turnaround. Very nice talking with you. Very impressive."

- *Brian Sampson*

### **Fantastic service and support**

"Thank you for the fantastic service and support given to me for my first decking project, right down to the guys who delivered the shipment. Everyone has been great and the product is fantastic... it took a day and a half for two of us to complete and the result is great. No screws or nails visible, perfect. My next project is twice the size and I will most definitely be contacting you and your team. Thanks again for a great product and service."

- *Tony Liversage*

