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Deputy PM to speak at 'Engineered Wood Products - from here to the future' seminar.

A highlight of the 2014 Australian Timber Industry Seminar – 'Engineered Wood Products -from here to the future' program will be an after dinner speech by the Hon. Warren Truss MP. The attendance of the Deputy Prime Minister and the impressive list of international and local speakers confirms the event's status as a must-attend occasion for everyone involved in the sector's business decision making and strategic planning.

'Engineered Wood Products - from here to the future' - jointly hosted by Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia and Forest and Wood Products Australia will be held on the Gold Coast on November 13th and 14th.

As the Federal Member for Queensland's Wide Bay, Warren Truss is familiar with the challenges and opportunities of the timber industry, while his political career ensures that he is aware of the roles that government can play. His Thursday night after dinner speech promises to be both informative and enlightening.

Also attending the Seminar as a speaker will be Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture. Among the international and local expert speakers are Art Schmon (Forest Economic Advisors), Professor Chip Frazier (Virginia Tech), Professor Fred Kamke (Oregon State University), Andrew Nieland (Lend Lease), Peter Torreele (META), George Goroyias (Poyry), Owen Griffiths (Timberlab Solutions) and Tai Hollingsbee (GHD).

'Engineered Wood Products - from here to the future' is a thought provoking and informative seminar that will present information and opinions fundamental to the ongoing business success of current engineered wood product suppliers and distributors, as well as traditional sawn producers and forest growers.

'Engineered Wood Products - from here to the future' Thursday 13 - Friday 14 November Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort 158 Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217

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