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To Whom It May Concern:

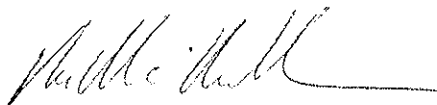
Re: Use of Camphor Laurel timber for timber product in Queensland.

I write at the request of Mr Chris Cole of Nature's Cutting Boards Pty Ltd. I am writing to confirm that the use of camphor laurel, which has been derived from woody weed control operations within Queensland as raw material for the production of timber based value-added products, such as the cutting boards produced by Nature's Cutting Boards Pty Ltd is encouraged by Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

The camphor laurel species is a Declared Environmental Weed Class 3 in Queensland and has an ecologically harmful effect on natural ecosystems within our landscape. In particular, camphor laurel is a problem weed along the riparian areas of much of South East Queensland and Northern New South Wales. For some years, efforts have been underway between State Governments and with assistance from the Australian Government, Local Governments and on-ground groups to develop programs that encourage the removal of these trees from the sensitive environments in which they have become invasive, and the beneficial utilisation of camphor laurel timber in value-adding enterprises that support local and regional economies.

Within the Sunshine Coast area much effort has been expended in establishing facilities and opportunities for local community based and business organisations to establish productive and profitable enterprises that use timbers from these invasive species with a view towards ultimately playing an important part in the long term control and management, particularly of camphor laurel.

Yours sincerely



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