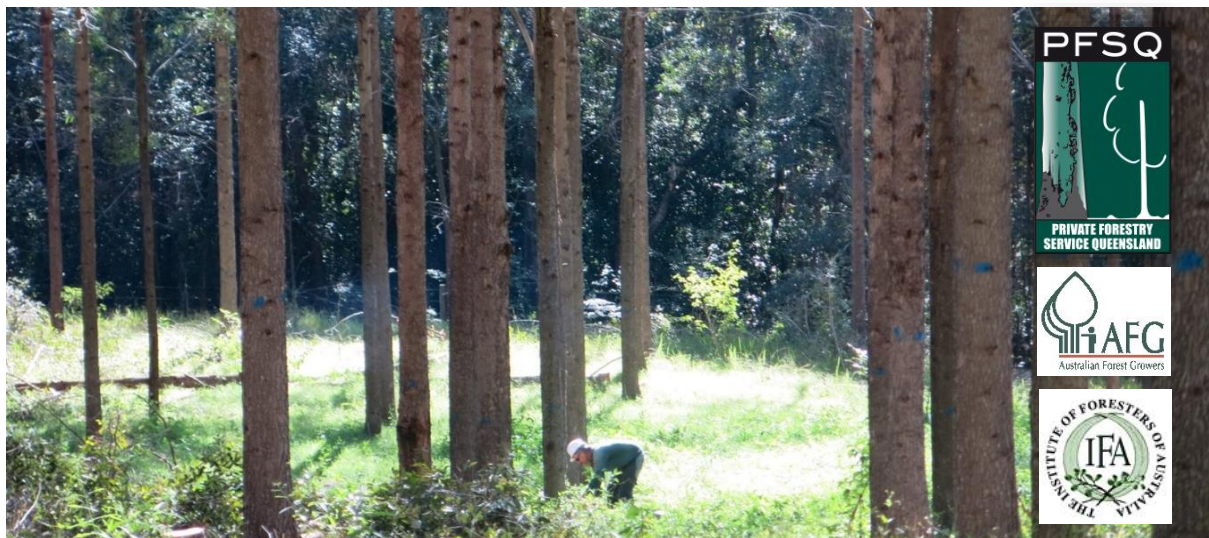


# COMMERCIAL THINNING FIELD DAY

Balancing early cash-flow, forest dynamics and final crop.



Join us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in a 15 year old eucalypt plantation where we will explore the logistics, markets and long-term effects of a commercial thinning operation, currently in progress.

The tour and discussion will cover aspects such as:

- Have actual growth rates achieved projections?
- Characteristics of 15 year old hardwood trees and the effects of management and insects on timber quality and utilization.
- Current and future markets for small poles and piles, including product specifications and buyer requirements.
- Effects of thinning on tree diameter, form, product, forest structure and final crop.
- Harvest planning and operational logistics, including use of tractor and grapple for snigging and barking, and a demonstration of proving and presenting a pole for sale.

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March • 8 am – 12 pm • Free

Location: 81 Deserio Road, Cedar Pocket (From Gympie – via Tin Can Bay Rd, Cedar Pocket Rd and Bacon Rd. From Pomona – via Kin Kin Rd, Sister Tree Ck Rd, The Gap Rd, Cedar Pocket Rd and Bacon Rd).

Bring covered shoes (boots highly recommended), water bottle and appropriate, sun-protective clothing. Hardhats and morning tea will be provided.

Contact Private Forestry Service Queensland for further details or to reserve your spot.

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