



## Media release

### **Early Bird registration for Institute of Foresters National Conference 2017**

Early Bird registration for IFA's Cairns Conference has been extended until **12 June**.

The Conference, "**Tropical Forestry: Innovation and Change in the Asia Pacific Region**" will be held on 14 - 17 August 2017. While the focus is on the tropics there are many reasons for temperate forest managers to attend, including sessions on yield estimation, fire management and protection and plantation development and success drivers.

Noel Pearson one of Australia's foremost indigenous leaders has agreed to give a keynote address. This is not only timely given recent debate around the Australian constitution but over 30 per cent of Australia's forests are owned, managed or somehow controlled by indigenous people.

This theme taps into IFA's broadened vision and reach promoted by the Foresters without Borders Initiative and recognises the rich history of Australian Foresters who have contributed to the development of the professional practice of Forestry in South East Asia and the Pacific.

There are few countries in our region that have not been influenced by forestry leaders who have trained in Australia or Australian Foresters who have worked in the region. The conference location and focus also calls us to focus on Northern Australian Development and how and why forestry should be part of development initiatives.

#### **Early Bird registration is available for:**

**\$795 for IFA members**

**\$1095 for non-members**

**\$200 for student registration (IFA member)**

**\$400 or student registration (non-IFA member)**

<http://www.ifa.consec.com.au/register.html>

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**Supporting Notes:**

More details are available from the Conference website at [www.ifa.consec.com.au](http://www.ifa.consec.com.au)