

Yes. All industries have some impact on the environment but all are making concerted efforts to reduce those impacts. The steel industry, the timber industry, and other building materials industries are required to work within government codes, which are influenced by international agreements.

Timber interests are fond of drawing attention to the carbon dioxide produced when new steel is produced, but ignore the fact that steel is 100% recyclable. and that about 60% of all steel in use in Australia has been produced from recycled scrap. They also rarely say anything about the impact on the environment of large plantations of introduced species of timber such as pine, and the consequent loss of habitat to native fauna and flora.