



## Mullum Creek heads-up for construction

### ROOF BATTENS

Recently the DRC noticed that steel roll-formed section has been used for roof battens on one of the homes at Mullum Creek.

Significantly greater environmental impacts (greenhouse gas emissions and land degradation) are attached to the manufacture of steel roof battens, as compared with timber battens in Radiata Pine milled from Australian or New Zealand plantation forestry.

Therefore Requirement R29 of the Mullum Creek Design Guidelines states that:  
*'Cold formed steel section (for wall framing, roof trusses, purlins and battens) must not be used in construction at Mullum Creek without prior approval of the DRC.'*

**Please ensure that your builder and roofer order only AUS or NZ grown Radiata Pine (in simple sawn or LVL section) for roof battens.**

However, as some plasterers insist they are unable to achieve a good plaster line with timber ceiling battens, the DRC has decided to allow the use of roll-formed steel furring channels for plaster ceiling battens only.