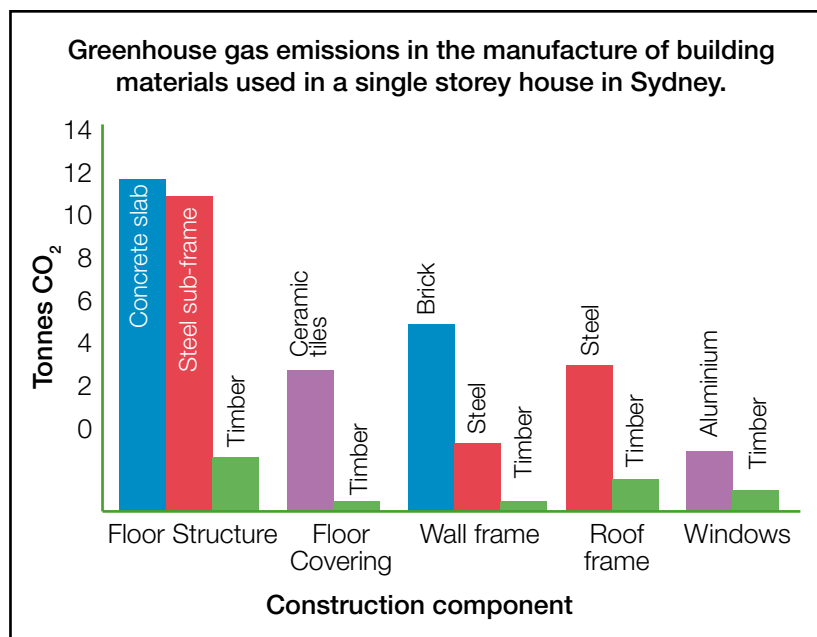


# How you can build a greener, more environmentally friendly home

It may be difficult to believe at first, but the more timber you use in your new home, the greener it will be. That's because the production of timber products used to build a house results in far fewer greenhouse gas emissions than the manufacture of comparable concrete, steel, bricks, tiles or aluminium components.



Graph from: 'Forests, Wood and Australia's Carbon Balance', FWPRDC and CRC for Greenhouse Accounting, 2006

And, as every school kid knows, trees store carbon. By building as much timber as possible into your new home, you are actually absorbing more carbon and reducing the atmospheric release of CO<sub>2</sub> compared to using alternative building materials.

This makes plantation grown, kiln-dried, machine-straightened timber by far the greenest building material you can choose.

The Timber & Building Materials Association (TABMA) actively promotes the use of sustainable timber as a major building material.

Ask your builder to specify timber supplied by TABMA member and build a greener home.

Visit [www.tabma.com.au](http://www.tabma.com.au) for a list of carbon conscious suppliers.

