

Sustainable Forest Management Policy

Forestry Tasmania is a State Government Business Enterprise with the fundamental statutory responsibility to manage the Permanent Timber Production Zone land and to undertake forest operations on this land for the purposes of selling forest products. Forestry Tasmania is required to perform these functions in a manner that is consistent with the principles of forest management set out in the *Forest Practices Code* as a contribution to sustainable management of Tasmania's forests.

Under this policy, Forestry Tasmania will:

- **Operate** in an environmentally, socially and economically responsible manner.
- **Actively engage** with stakeholders.
- **Strive to maximise** recovery and value of our forest products.
- **Implement** measures that protect the environment, minimise waste and prevent pollution.
- **Undertake and support** research so that operational practices are underpinned by sound science.
- **Meet** all relevant compliance obligations (including relevant legislation) applicable to the organisation.
- **Maintain** a forest management system and conduct forest management in a manner that is certified to be compliant with *ISO 14001*, *AS 4801* and the *Australian Forestry Standard*.
- **Commit to and actively work towards** long-term incorporation of *Forest Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria* into the Forest Management System.
- **Develop** objectives and targets that assist in achieving FT's strategic objectives identified in the *Forest Management Plan*.
- **Equip** staff and contractors with sufficient information, skills, training and/or resources to implement this policy.
- **Regularly monitor, audit, review and publically report** on our performance.
- **Commit** to continual improvement of the forest management system to enhance environmental and sustainability performance.
- **Communicate** this policy and make it publically available.

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