

## **POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

### **1. POLICY STATEMENT**

ForestrySA is committed to sustainable forest management, a safe environment for employees, and compliance with relevant legislative requirements, standards and codes.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

ForestrySA manages plantations and native forests and provides forestry services in South Australia and now Victoria. ForestrySA has taken pride in the development and implementation of forestry standards and sustainable practices for over 130 years and continues to do so.

### **3. POLICY OBJECTIVES**

This policy seeks to:

- Provide the framework for Sustainable Forest Management practices, processes, systems and review;
- Optimise environmental, economic, social and cultural values of forests and lands;
- Continually improve organisational performance and forest management outcomes while ensuring the expectations of all customers, stakeholders and the community are considered;
- Protect the health, safety and welfare of all persons involved in ForestrySA activities; and
- Promote and improve the delivery of Injury Management and Occupational Health Safety and Welfare by developing an interdependent safety culture, reducing risk and consulting with employees and external stakeholders.

### **4. STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

ForestrySA will:

- Maintain a Forest Management System compatible with appropriate standards to ensure a systematic approach to forest management;
- Maximise efficiencies, minimise waste, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prevent pollution, eliminate or control hazards and effectively manage risks;
- Conserve and enhance the biodiversity of native forests and maintain cultural, historical and scientific assets and areas of conservation significance;
- Protect soil and water resources in the regions in which ForestrySA operates;
- Manage forest pests and diseases to minimise impact upon plantations and native forests, and to minimise the risk of entry or spread across declared boundaries;
- Consider the views of stakeholders and engage with the community and agencies involved in environmental monitoring and impact assessment;
- Maintain long term productive capacity of our forests and lands;
- Manage and develop plantations in an economically sound manner whilst ensuring environmentally, socially and culturally responsible outcomes;
- Provide recreational, educational and community use opportunities that are compatible with commercial operations;
- Provide a safe and healthy working environment by promoting employee welfare, reducing the impact of workplace injuries and illnesses, supporting effective rehabilitation and equitable injury management;
- Ensure employees have the skills and resources required to carry out their duties safely by identifying and documenting responsibilities and accountabilities; and
- Use internal and/or external expertise when required.

### **Approved**

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