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Media statement

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Habitat tree marking meets the standard

The marking of habitat trees in Warrup forest by the Forest Products Commission (FPC) has proven to be correct, despite complaints from conservation activists.

A recent assessment of the area was conducted by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) which concluded that sufficient trees had been marked.

FPC tree markers record every habitat tree they mark, when preparing an area for harvest activities, to ensure they meet the required standards outlined in the Forest Management Plan. In preparing Warrup they marked 129 habitat and potential habitat trees in a 11.27 hectare area.

Habitat trees are kept in every harvest area at a rate of 11 to 13 per hectare. These maintain the long-term characteristics of mature forest as the young forest regenerates. Habitat trees are often retained in patches rather than being evenly distributed throughout the forest.

The preferred trees are those with hollows that can be used for nesting, if they are present. If hollowed trees are not present then trees with best potential for future habitat are protected. Balga, snottygobbles and even hollow logs on the ground are also marked for protection.

David Hartley, General Manager of the Forest Products Commission said, "FPC staff and contractors are striving to meet and exceed environmental standards and I am not surprised to learn how well they have performed at Warrup."

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Image: One of the many habitat trees that local FPC Manjimup forester, Lukas Baker has marked in Warrup coupe prior to harvesting.

* High resolution image available on request.

