

Forest management



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The Forest Products Commission (FPC) is a Western Australian Statutory Authority established to develop and market Western Australia's renewable timber resources.

The FPC is committed to ensuring that these resources are managed sustainably through the implementation of forest management practices that are environmentally sound, socially acceptable and economically viable.

Under this policy, the FPC, in conjunction with other relevant authorities, will:

- Clearly define forest management responsibilities.
 - Maintain an integrated forest management system that is externally certified to ISO 14001 and the Australian Forestry Standard (AS4708).
 - Operate in accordance with relevant Commonwealth and State legislation, as well as applicable codes, standards and other compliance requirements that apply to the FPC's operations.
 - Maintain planning, implementation, monitoring and audit systems, supported by regular reviews and an effective reporting system.
- Set objectives and targets to ensure a continuous improvement approach to both management performance and managing environmental, economic, social and cultural impacts and outcomes, including the prevention of pollution.
 - Minimise the significant adverse environmental impacts that result from its activities, products and services where reasonably practicable.
 - Consider a life cycle perspective and the extent of control or influence that it can exert over activities, products and services.
 - Ensure there are no planted genetically modified trees within forests managed by the FPC.
 - Ensure staff and contractors are trained in good forest management practices.
 - Understand the needs and expectations of all stakeholders relevant to its activities and determine additional compliance obligations to meet these.
 - Provide resources appropriate to the nature, scale and impact of the forest activities.

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