

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, FPC, in conjunction with other relevant authorities will:

- Maintain a forest management system that is externally certified to ISO 14001 and the Australian Forestry Standard (AS4708).
- 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.
- Operate in accordance with relevant Commonwealth and State legislation, as well as applicable codes, standards and other requirements that apply to the FPC's operations.
- Sustain the contribution to the global carbon cycle.
- Ensure there are no planted genetically modified trees within forests managed by FPC.
- Clearly define forest management responsibilities.
- Train staff and contractors in good forest management practices.
- Liaise with internal and external stakeholders on forest management issues and performance.
- Provide resources appropriate to the nature, scale and impact of the forest activities.

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