

# Stakeholder engagement



## Policy 54

The Forest Products Commission (FPC) was established by the Western Australian Government in November 2000 as a statutory authority. The FPC is responsible for the sustainable management and development of Western Australia's native forest, plantation and sandalwood industries on land owned or leased by the State.

Stakeholder engagement forms an essential part of sustainable forest management as it ensures:

- More informed and better planned policies and services.
- Stakeholders' needs and interests are consistently, transparently and meaningfully considered in our activities.
- Effective collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The FPC will refer to the term 'stakeholder' as a means to refer to all people who have an interest in and/or are impacted by FPC's operations. Specific initiatives will be developed to ensure effective engagement with all relevant individuals and organisations.

In particular, the FPC acknowledges that engagement with Aboriginal people is essential for protecting their rights and values.

Further, the FPC will keep stakeholders informed and raise public awareness of the forest industry and FPC's operations through a number of means including by:

- Maintaining an external website.
- Providing accurate and prompt information to the media.
- Seeking to improve public education.
- Exploring social media opportunities.

The FPC is committed to a strategic and prioritised approach when engaging with stakeholders. FPC's core principles for engagement are to:

- Be respectful.
- Be inclusive and ensure equal opportunities.
- Manage expectations.
- Be transparent.
- Build and maintain trusting relationships.



The FPC is committed to ongoing improvement in stakeholder engagement and will seek to:

- Identify and understand stakeholders.
- Respond to concerns, feedback, and complaints.
- Communicate information clearly and effectively.
- Seek feedback.
- Build ongoing positive relationships.
- Evaluate specific engagement initiatives.
- Maintain and improve systems that impact engagement approaches.
- Identify opportunities for collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships.
- Ensure staff across the agency are committed and skilled in stakeholder engagement.



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