



SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

1. POLICY STATEMENT

ForestrySA is committed to multiple use forest management, and will systematically, sustainably, and safely manage our forests in a manner that is environmentally sound, economically viable and socially acceptable.

2. BACKGROUND

ForestrySA is a statutory corporation authorised under the *South Australian Forestry Corporation Act 2000*. ForestrySA has responsibilities as a commercial and recreational forest manager as set out in the [South Australian Forestry Corporation Charter](#).

ForestrySA is committed to responsible management of plantation and native forests. The ForestrySA [Policies Standards Management System \(PSMS\)](#) is managed in accordance with the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708) certified by Responsible Wood®.

3. POLICY OBJECTIVES & PRINCIPLES

This policy seeks to:

- Provide the framework for Sustainable Forest Management practices, processes, systems and review.
- Optimise economic, environmental, social and cultural values of forests and lands.
- Improve organisational performance and forest management outcomes while ensuring we understand and manage the expectations of customers, stakeholders, and the community.

4. STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

ForestrySA will:

- Resource, maintain and review the [Policies Standards Management System \(PSMS\)](#) to ensure a systematic approach to forest management in accordance with the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708) certified by Responsible Wood®.
- Ensure a continuous improvement approach to the [Policies Standards Management System \(PSMS\)](#) is adopted to drive environmental and sustainability performance.
- Develop and maintain a Forest Management Plan(s).
- Manage and develop plantations in an economically sound manner whilst ensuring environmentally, socially, and culturally responsible outcomes.
- Manage and protect native forest reserves in a sound manner for the conservation of species and habitat.
- Maximise efficiencies, prevent pollution, eliminate, or control hazards and effectively manage risks.
- Conserve and enhance biodiversity, soil, and water, and maintain cultural, historical, and scientific assets and areas of conservation significance.
- Manage pests and diseases to minimise impact upon plantations, native forests and neighbours, and to minimise the risk of their entry or spread across declared boundaries.
- Mitigate risk of fire to landholdings and as part of the broader landscape.
- Take immediate action regarding and report notifiable incidents in a timely manner to the relevant authority.



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- Monitor and manage illegal access to ForestrySA landholdings, particularly where this is a high risk to the public or the Corporation, or has a direct negative impact on neighbours, forest users or forest operations.
- Proactively engage and consider the views of ForestrySA's various stakeholders.
- Provide a mechanism for managing other feedback.
- Maintain long term productive capacity of our forests and lands.
- Identify recreational, educational and community use opportunities which are compatible with strategic multiple use forest outcomes.
- Ensure employees, contractors and volunteers have the skills and resources required to carry out their duties safely by identifying and documenting responsibilities and accountabilities.

6. RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION

[South Australian Forestry Corporation Act 2000](#)

[Forestry Act 1950](#)

[Native Vegetation Act 1991](#)

[South Australian Forestry Corporation Charter](#)

[Service Charter](#)

[Work Health and Safety Policy](#)

[Log Sales Policy](#)

[Fire Management Policy](#)

[Policies Standards Management System \(PSMS\)](#)

[Responsible Wood \(AS4708\)](#)

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