



1. POLICY STATEMENT

ForestrySA is committed to responsible management of all forest reserves including areas of plantation and native vegetation. ForestrySA's Forest Management System (FMS) is managed in accordance with the Australian Standard of Sustainable Forest Management (AS/NZ 4708:2021) 'the Standard' certified by Responsible Wood.

2. BACKGROUND

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

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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 FMS to ensure a systematic approach to forest management in accordance with the Standard certified by Responsible Wood®.
- Ensure a continuous improvement approach to the FMS 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, reduce emissions, 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 stakeholders, and to minimise the risk of their entry or spread across declared boundaries.
- Mitigate risk of fire to landholdings, forest assets on other land and as part of the broader landscape.



- Take immediate action regarding and report notifiable incidents in a timely manner to the relevant authorities including Responsible Wood.
- 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 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 and providing training and development to achieve this.

5. RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION

- [South Australian Forestry Corporation Act 2000](#)
- [Forestry Act 1950](#)
- [Native Vegetation Act 1991](#)
- [Sustainable Forest Management Standard \(AS/NZ 4708:2021\)](#)
- [South Australian Forestry Corporation Charter](#)
- [Service Charter](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Policy](#)
- [Log Sales Policy](#)
- [Fire Management Policy](#)
- [Policies Standards Management System \(PSMS\)](#)
- [Forest Management System Framework](#)

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