

1 Introduction / Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the framework for the elements of a strategic forest management system across the Defined Forest Area of Reliance Forest Fibre (RFF). RFF is committed to managing forests under our control for the sustainable production of wood and wood products to meet our customers' needs without compromising the productive capacity of the land for future generations. This policy is designed to meet these requirements across the Defined Forest Area managed by RFF.

2 Policy

RFF is committed to

- Independent certification of our forest practices and to meeting the requirements of the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme to AS4708:2013, the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management, recognised internationally by PEFC
- Undertake Company activities in a socially responsible manner providing a safe working environment for staff, contractors and visitors while respecting the social and cultural values of stakeholders and the local community.
- Proactively engage and consider the views of our stakeholders.
- Comply with relevant legislation, regulation, Government policies, codes of practice and other external requirements relating to our business.
- Conservation management of natural and cultural values delivered through strategic review, preplanning and operations implementation.
- Not to degrade or convert native forest.
- Not to use genetically modified trees in any of our operations.
- Set and review objectives and targets to mitigate our significant impacts.
- Monitor operations to continually improve forest management and environmental outcomes.
- Regularly monitor, audit and review our system and performance to facilitate continual improvement
- Ensure our staff and contractors have sufficient information, skills, training and resources to implement this policy.
- Communicate this policy with staff, business partners, service providers and customers and make it publicly available.

3 Responsibilities

All employees of RFF from senior management to casual employees are covered by this policy and it provides the strategic direction and framework for all other RFF forest management policies and procedures.

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