

## SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT


SFM is committed to the principles of long-term sustainable forest management which realise the potential productive capacity of the forest estate under our control, whilst minimising harm and providing for environmental, economic, social and cultural benefits for present and future generations.

In accordance with this policy SFM commits to:

- Define, manage, and adjust the scope of our forest management activities to ensure we are responsive and agile when presented with new challenges and opportunities.
- Establish, implement and review forest management and sustainability objectives in line with the scope of our forest management activities.
- Identify external and internal issues that affect our ability to achieve forest management and sustainability outcomes and respond to these in an appropriate manner.
- Comply with the requirements of all relevant legislation, government policies, codes of practice and guidelines.
- Implement and maintain a forest management system in line with the PEFC endorsed Responsible Wood Certification Scheme (AS/NZS4708:2021 – Sustainable Forest Management) and FSC Certification Scheme.
- Implement management strategies which identify and minimise risk to environmental, economic, social and cultural values.
- Proactive engagement with stakeholders to understand their needs and expectations and to communicate our activities. SFM values the positive contribution that stakeholders can make to sustainable forest management.
- Engage only in forest management activities which do not involve the conversion or degradation of native vegetation, unless limited clearing is required by legislation, for infrastructure development, or regulation for essential public purposes.
- Provide a safe and healthy work environment which actively promotes the well-being of its employees, contractors and visitors.
- Support research and development to aid in the continual improvement in operational processes.
- Monitor and evaluate the performance of our system to drive continuous improvement.
- Ensure that our employees have adequate resources and appropriate skills to implement this policy.
- Engage independent third parties to assess our performance against the above commitments and standards and make the results of these audits publicly available.

### **Revision and Approval**

This document will be updated whenever significant changes occur.

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