

Permanent Forest Estate Policy



Sustainable Timber Tasmania is responsible for land management and wood production in Tasmania's Permanent Timber Production Zone. Sustainable Timber Tasmania recognises the importance of maintaining Tasmania's forests as a resource for their conservation, production and social values. To achieve this, Sustainable Timber Tasmania is committed to maintaining forest across Permanent Timber Production Zone land. This policy applies to all forest under Sustainable Timber Tasmania's long term management control.

Under this policy, Sustainable Timber Tasmania will:

- **Regenerate** all harvested native forest coupes to native forest in a timely manner;
- **Re-establish** all harvested plantation coupes to plantation except where areas are deemed unsuitable for such use;
- **Revert** areas unsuitable for plantation re-establishment back to their pre-existing vegetation type or native vegetation;
- **Not convert native forest** to plantation or non-forest except for:
 - a) Minor re-aligning of practical plantation boundaries on existing plantation sites;
 - b) Construction of required roads or other minor forest management infrastructure;
 - c) The purposes of property management consistent with STT's Strategic Objectives;
 - d) The provision and maintenance of utilities and infrastructure; or
 - e) Where otherwise required by legislation or regulation (e.g. powerlines).

Where conversion undertaken by STT occurs it must:

- a) Comply with the Tasmanian Government Policy for Maintaining a Permanent Native Forest Estate and *Forest Practices Act 1985*;
 - b) Not materially threaten:
 - (i) Significant Biodiversity Values as defined by the Australian Forestry Standard;
 - (ii) High Conservation Value Forest areas as identified in Sustainable Timber Tasmania's High Conservation Values Management plan; and
 - c) Be approved by the GM Land Management if undertaken for purposes of plantation boundary re-alignment, property management or utilities and infrastructure.
- **Negotiate** to minimise conversion and maximise recovery of forest products in situations where other parties have legislative ability (mines, dams) to convert STT managed land to non-forest uses;
 - **Monitor** and report on the implementation of this policy;
 - **Not trade** in products arising from the conversion of native forest on land that it does not manage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Whiteley".

Steve Whiteley
Chief Executive Officer
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