



Forestry Tasmania

Aboriginal Heritage Policy

Forestry Tasmania is legally responsible for land management and wood production in Tasmania's Permanent Timber Production Zone.

Forestry Tasmania recognises the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as traditional owners of the land and the significance of heritage, including places, objects and stories, for maintaining continuous links with the land.

Forestry Tasmania acknowledges the historical, cultural and spiritual values of Aboriginal heritage in Tasmania's production forests and recognises its shared responsibility to conserve it.

The purpose of this policy is to provide the principles by which Forestry Tasmania will manage places of Aboriginal heritage within the Tasmanian production forest landscape.

Under this policy, and in collaboration with the Aboriginal community, Forestry Tasmania will:

- Foster positive and respectful relationships with the Aboriginal community and relevant statutory bodies and agencies to inform and guide forest planning and management activities;
- Identify, protect and manage places of Aboriginal cultural significance in accordance with the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*, *Forest Practices Code*, and the *Australian ICOMOS Burra Charter 2013*;
- Permit access by the Aboriginal community to land and traditional cultural materials where safety and environmental limitations allow;
- Explore and promote participation and economic opportunities for the Aboriginal community to manage and maintain their heritage, including employment of Aboriginal community members;
- Develop and implement appropriate training to assist staff gain an awareness of Aboriginal culture and allow for identification of Aboriginal heritage.

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