

Aboriginal Heritage Policy

Background

Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT) is responsible for land management and wood production in Tasmania's Permanent Timber Production Zone (PTPZ). STT recognises the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as traditional custodians of the land and the significance of both tangible and intangible heritage, including places, objects, knowledge, and stories, for maintaining continuous links with the land. STT acknowledges the historical, cultural and spiritual values of Aboriginal heritage in Tasmania's production forests and recognises its shared responsibility to conserve it.

Objective

The purpose of this policy is to provide the principles by which STT will manage places of Aboriginal heritage within the Tasmanian production forest landscape. Under this policy, and in collaboration with Aboriginal communities, STT will:

- foster positive and respectful relationships with local Aboriginal communities 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 Forest Practices Code, the Australian ICOMOS Burra Charter 2013, and the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975;
- collaborate with Aboriginal communities to provide safe access to places and traditional materials to maintain their connection with country;
- explore and promote participation, economic and employment opportunities for Aboriginal communities to maintain the link with their heritage; and
- provide appropriate training to assist staff to gain an awareness of Aboriginal heritage and respectful management of Aboriginal heritage on PTPZ land.



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