

Media Statement

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Protecting giant trees in Tasmania's production forests.

For more than 20 years, Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Giant Tree Policy has been in place to protect live giant trees in Tasmania's public production forests.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania actively searches for live giant trees in areas of forest planned for harvest. All giant trees identified during these searches of harvest areas are protected and not cut down.

As part of a standard review process, Sustainable Timber Tasmania reviewed and updated its Giant Tree Policy in February 2024.

The policy has broadened its definition of giant trees to now include a diameter threshold. The policy defines giant trees as live trees that are 'wider than 4m in diameter*'.
**Diameter is measured at breast height (dbh) approximately 1.3m above ground level on uphill side.*

Giant tree height and volume definitions remain unchanged in Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Giant Tree Policy.

As part of its review process, Sustainable Timber Tasmania considered stakeholder feedback.

Under its Giant Tree Policy, Sustainable Timber Tasmania will identify and protect live giant trees by establishing informal reserves in Tasmania's public production forests.

Please view Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Giant Tree Policy at

https://sttwebcommerce.blob.core.windows.net/production/assets/Giant_Tree_Policy_6995eceb2.pdf

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