Forest Practices Act 1985

Forest Practices Plan

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It is necessary to read this Forest Practices Plan in its entirety for the specifications required by Section 18(2) of the Forest Practices Act 1985. This Forest Practices Plan authorises forest practices and operations to which it refers on the land specified in the Plan and during the period specified in the Plan, provided that the operations are carried out in accordance with the Plan.
This authority is given for the purposes of the Forest Practices Act 1985 only. Those carrying out the operations under the Plan should ensure that they comply with all relevant laws including the conditions of licences, permits and other authorities issued under other laws.

Coupe Name:	HA005C	Location:	Creekton Rd	PTR Number:	-
Tenure:	Permanent Timber Production Zone Land	IBRA 4 region:	D'Entrecasteaux	UPI or PID Numbers:	-
District:	South	Municipality:	Huon Valley	Landowners:	Sustainable Timber Tasmania
Map Sheet:	HASTINGS : 4819	Grid reference:	492763mE, 5198884mN	Principal Processors:	[redacted]
Applicant:	[redacted]				

Parent Rock	1: Jurassic Dolerite (JDL)	Soil Description	1: Red to Brown clayey (RBL)	Stoniness	1: L
	2: Triassic Sandstone (TSS)		2: Sandy over clayey (SAC)		2: L

Erodibility Class 1: Moderate (M) 2: Moderate to high (MH) | Majority Slope: 21 deg. | Maximum Altitude: 210 m

Within town water catchment:	No	Within a landscape zone in a Municipal Planning Scheme:	No
Water Intake:	-	Known Domestic Water Supply Intake within 2km:	No
Distance to Intake:	-	Net Area of Crown Land Reserve:	0.0 ha

Public Safety Risk Assessment: Yes

Emergency meeting Point: 147 - RAMINEA - JCN ESPERANCE RIVER RD AND HUON HWY

Plan certified by: [redacted] | Date certified: 21/08/2025 | Period for which the plan is to remain in force: 21/08/2025 - 31/08/2029 | Date notice of intent sent: 04/06/2025

Discrete Operational Phase	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Details
Timber Harvesting	21/08/2025	31/08/2026	Minimum Class of Equipment to be used Dry: B Wet: B
Reforestation	01/07/2026	31/08/2027	
Reforestation Assessment	01/07/2027	31/08/2029	

Current RFA Forest Community and/or Land Use	Prescription	Ha
Tall E. obliqua forest (OT)	Clearfall followed by Sowing of Native Seed (CF-NF)	7.40
Tall E. obliqua forest (OT)	Areas to be reserved from harvesting (RES)	22.10
E. regnans forest (R)	Clearfall followed by Sowing of Native Seed (CF-NF)	27.30
E. regnans forest (R)	Areas to be reserved from harvesting (RES)	1.50

Net Operational Area: 34.70 | Total Area to be Reforested: 34.70 | Total Area to be Harvested: 34.70 | Total Area of Operation: 58.30

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A. GENERAL

- Forest Practices shall be carried out in accordance with the principles and approaches specified in the current Forest Practices Code (FPC). All Forest Practices Code mandatory statements ("will" statements) apply, whether or not they are referred to below. The specific requirements set out below are also mandatory.
- Forest Practices Plan (FPP) Objective: to clearfall, burn and sow the harvest area and return it to native forest.
- As a measure to reduce the spread of weeds and or pathogens on Permanent Timber Production Zone Land, all harvesting and site preparation machinery will be washed down before being transported to this operation and washed down again, prior to leaving this operation. Wash down will be carried out in accordance with the "Tasmanian Wash down Guidelines for weed and disease control".
- All operations will be conducted to manage for moderate to high erodibility soils.
- It is the responsibility of the Contractor to cease operations when inclement weather conditions (i.e. heavy rain) have created or are likely to create violations of the current FPC.
- The Contractor is required to have a copy of the FPC, FPP, any subsequent Variation(s) and the Contractor Photo Guide to Natural and Cultural Values, on site during active operations.
- The current "Fire Prevention at Forest Operations" procedure (Forest Industry Fire Management Committee) will be adhered to during all operational phases of this plan.

OPERATION BOUNDARIES

North: Eucalypt plantation and regrowth native forest on Permanent Timber Production Zone Land (PTPZL).
East: Regrowth native forest and two Wildlife Habitat Clumps (WHC) on PTPZL.
South: Regrowth native forest and one WHC on PTPZL.
West: A Fauna Constraint Area on PTPZL.

B. BUILDING ACCESS TO THE FOREST (ROADING)

Refer also to Part D. Conservation of Natural and Cultural Values

- Access to the coupe is via Creekton Road.
- No new road construction is required. Road maintenance is permitted under this FPP if required, to make flat safe loading positions for trucks and to improve turning/parking bays for trucks and cars.

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C. HARVESTING OF THE TIMBER

Refer also to Part D. Conservation of Natural and Cultural Values

- Harvest prescription is clearfell.
- Harvesting of timber will only occur within the harvest boundary as indicated on the attached FPP map and as marked on the ground in blue tape by STT. Harvest machinery will not cross this boundary unless authorised by an STT officer.
- The minimum standard of equipment to be used in this operation is FPC B for dry/moist and B for wet soil conditions. Soil conditions assessment is as per Appendix 4 of the FPC.

LANDINGS

Landing Placement

- Two landings are to be used with the approximate locations shown on the attached FPP map.
- These landings have been located in the field with **Orange** tape.

Landing Management

- Landings will be managed as all-weather landings. They will be well drained, and if required, drains will be established to divert water away from the landing area.

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- Where harvesting slash is to be burnt in a high intensity fire, all residue heaps should be at least 40m from a flammable coupe or reserve boundary.
- The contractor is encouraged to minimise the production and handling of bark and waste wood at the landing. Bark and waste wood will be managed by returning progressively, as much as practicable of this material to the bush and distributing this as evenly as possible.
- Landings will be established on a pad of bark from processed trees. If a suitably solid base is not available, landings, including processing area, will be corded prior to establishing the bark pad.
- Fuel tanks should be located so that roads will not be crossed to re-fuel machines. Wet season access tracks to fuel tankers should be corded.

EXTRACTION TRACKS

- Extraction will generally follow the directions indicated on the attached FPP map.
- Cording or "matting" of sections of extraction tracks may be required to minimise rutting. Logging slash and debris will be used as cording whenever possible. Matting will protect feeder tracks where material is available and where necessary.
- Two road crossing points may be required. The following conditions will apply:
    - Crossings will be located:
        - with prior approval of the STT representative;
        - at approximately right angles to the road line to minimise impact to the road;
        - to ensure that drainage to culverts and or table drains are not restricted; and
        - to ensure minimum disturbance to batters and fills.
    - The total width of the road surface will have cording or "matting" established prior to extracting any logs.
    - Cording and other debris will be removed on completion with minimal disturbance to the road surface.

FELLING

- Trees should not be felled over the harvest boundary. If this occurs accidentally, STT will make the decision as to whether the tree will be removed or left in place.
- Any trees located within the FPP boundary, but outside of the harvest boundary (as indicated on the attached FPP map) that are deemed a safety issue will not be felled unless approved and documented by STT.
- Trees should be directionally felled away from the harvest boundary where possible, and harvest debris should not be accumulated along boundaries.
- STT staff will discuss seed requirements with the harvesting contractor. If the specified seed crops are found, the contractor will report this to STT as soon as possible.
- STT staff may need to mark seed trees or sections of coupes to be retained to allow seed crops to mature. These trees will be marked with a spray painted S. If felling of marked seed trees is required for safety reasons, felling must not occur without prior consultation with and consent of STT.

STREAMSIDE MANAGEMENT

- There are two class 4 streams known within the coupe. A minimum 10m machinery exclusion zone (MEZ) has been marked in blue and white tape by STT both sides of these streams. Crossings are authorised on both of these streams as shown approximately on the map, they are not taped on the ground.
- Four drainage depressions (DD) are shown on the map, but are not taped. They are to be managed according to the FPC.
- If any unmapped watercourse (that does not have specific management prescriptions within the FPP) is encountered, operations are to cease within its vicinity until advice has been received from a Forest Practices Officer (FPO).
- See Section D for further prescriptions relating to steep country harvesting.

RESTORATION *(by the harvesting contractor)*

- All restoration activity will be carried out progressively as sections are completed.
- Landings will be restored according to the specific prescriptions in the FPC.
- Extraction tracks suitable for future game control may be nominated by STT. These tracks will be restored by the harvesting contractor with cross drains that allow the tracks to be easily upgraded for 4x4 bikes or similar. These tracks will be drained as per firebreaks (refer to Fire Breaks and Access Tracks section of the FPC).
- The contractor will inform STT when restoration works are complete to enable a final inspection to be carried out prior to removing all machinery from the harvest area.

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D. CONSERVATION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL VALUES

Prescriptions to manage flora, fauna, geomorphic, cultural heritage, landscape and soil and water values

Reporting new sites for threatened fauna and flora

If new sites for threatened fauna (e.g., raptor nests, devil dens etc.) or flora are found during the implementation of a forest practices plan, the sites must be reported to the Forest Practices Authority as soon as practical.

FLORA

- No prescriptions required.

FAUNA

Grey Goshawk

- If suspected nesting activity (e.g. displaying male birds) is observed or a nest is found, operations must cease within 100 m of the suspected nest site and notify a Sustainable Timber Tasmania Officer as soon as practical.

Tasmanian Devil / Eastern Quoll / Spotted-tailed Quoll

- If a suspected den is found, operations must cease within 50m of the suspected den site and notify a Sustainable Timber Tasmania Officer as soon as practical.

Wedge-tailed Eagle / White-bellied Sea Eagle

- The Sustainable Timber Tasmania Officer responsible for the supervision of the operation will ensure that the contractor can recognise an eagle's nest prior to the commencement of the operation.
- If any nest is found during the operation, the contractor will notify the Sustainable Timber Tasmania Officer responsible for the supervision of the operation and the following seasonally-based guidelines will be applied;
  - If a nest is discovered during the management constraint period (July to January inclusive), cease all forestry activity within 500 m of the nest, or within 1 km if in line of sight of the nest.
  - If a nest is discovered outside the management constraint period (February to June inclusive), cease all forestry activities within 500 m of the nest
  - The management constraint period may be extended to include the month of February during a late breeding season at the instruction of the Forest Practices Authority.

Masked Owl

- If a suspected nest or roost site is located within the operational area during operations, the contractor will cease operations within 100 m of the site and notify the FPA Ecologist via a Sustainable Timber Tasmania Officer as soon as practical.

Swift Parrot

- Report immediately to the FPA any evidence of a Swift Parrot nesting site and/or Swift Parrots being present (heard or seen) inside or within 500 m of the FPP area during September to February. For swift parrot sightings within the FPP area, immediately cease felling operations within 500m of the sighting until evidence of a Swift Parrot nesting site and/or Swift Parrots being present (heard or seen) has been assessed.

Wildlife Habitat Clumps and Fauna Constraint Area

- Three wildlife habitat clumps (WHC) and a Fauna Constraint Area are to be retained. The approximate size and location of these areas are shown on the attached FPP map. These areas are excluded from the harvest area and the harvest boundary adjoining them has been marked in the field with blue tape by STT.
- Trees will not be felled into or out of these areas unless authorised by an FPO for safety reasons. If this occurs accidentally an FPO will decide whether the tree will be removed or left in place.
- Machinery will not enter these areas.

EARTH SCIENCES

- Where practicable, understorey vegetation adjoining seepage areas or class 4 watercourses on which streamside reserves have not been applied should be retained and disturbance minimised. All trees to be harvested should, where practical, be felled away from Class 4 watercourses.

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- Machinery tracks which are rutted to a depth of more than 200mm below ground level for a distance of 20m or more should be drained by appropriate methods at maximum intervals of 20m.
- If any new earth science feature is found during operations, for example large agates or crystals, it must be reported to an FPO immediately.
- Also refer to Streamside Management section.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- There is an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage site within the FPP, but excluded from operations within a WHC.
- An 'informal' survey of disturbed ground (ie. within the flat terrain either side of the access road) is required post harvest, a Forest Practices Officer will check areas in which significant amounts of mineral soil are exposed for unusual rock flakes or other possible signs of Aboriginal heritage.
- The contractor will notify STT in the event that any new Cultural Heritage site (European or Aboriginal heritage) is located during the course of the operation.
- Any site found during the operation will be excluded from the operation until advice is obtained from an FPO or the FPA manager for Cultural Heritage.

LANDSCAPE

- No prescriptions required.

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E. ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING FORESTS

Refer also to Part D. Conservation of Natural and Cultural Values

ESTABLISHMENT

- The coupe will be regenerated according to the STT Standard Operating Procedure for Native Forest Establishment and Stand Maintenance.
- Where applicable a mineral earth firebreak may be constructed around the harvest boundary.
- Mechanical preparation of fuels may occur within the harvest area to ensure burn and regeneration objectives are met.
- Any burn to be carried out following completion of harvesting will be conducted in accordance with an approved burn plan.
- Species proportion for the planned area is *E. regnans* 80% and *E. obliqua* 20%.
- The coupe will be aerially sown with eucalypt species in approximately the same proportion that existed at the time of the harvesting operation. A minimum of 10% of each eucalypt species present on the coupe pre harvest should be collected from the coupe or surrounding coupes. The balance should be collected from Seed Zone 10 (East Coast).

PROTECTION OF GROWING STOCK

- Insect, frost damage and weed competition will be monitored and appropriate action taken where necessary.
- The STT Tactical Fire Management Plan covers this area and deals with landscape level fire management planning.
- The area will be monitored for browsing and action taken as required by the landowner.
- Browsing transects will be established to monitor germination or browsing losses.
- Browsing control may be carried out if monitoring indicates high risk and unacceptable levels of damage. Procedures will be in accordance with the Forest Operation Plan for Mammal Browsing Control and guidelines contained within the FPC.

ASSESSMENT OF REFORESTATION

- A regeneration survey will be conducted as soon as indicator plots show a viable number of germinants, within two years of the completion of the operation.
- The proportion of harvested area required to have adequate stocking is 65%.
- Survival of regenerated areas will be monitored and appropriate action taken if stocking falls below an acceptable level.

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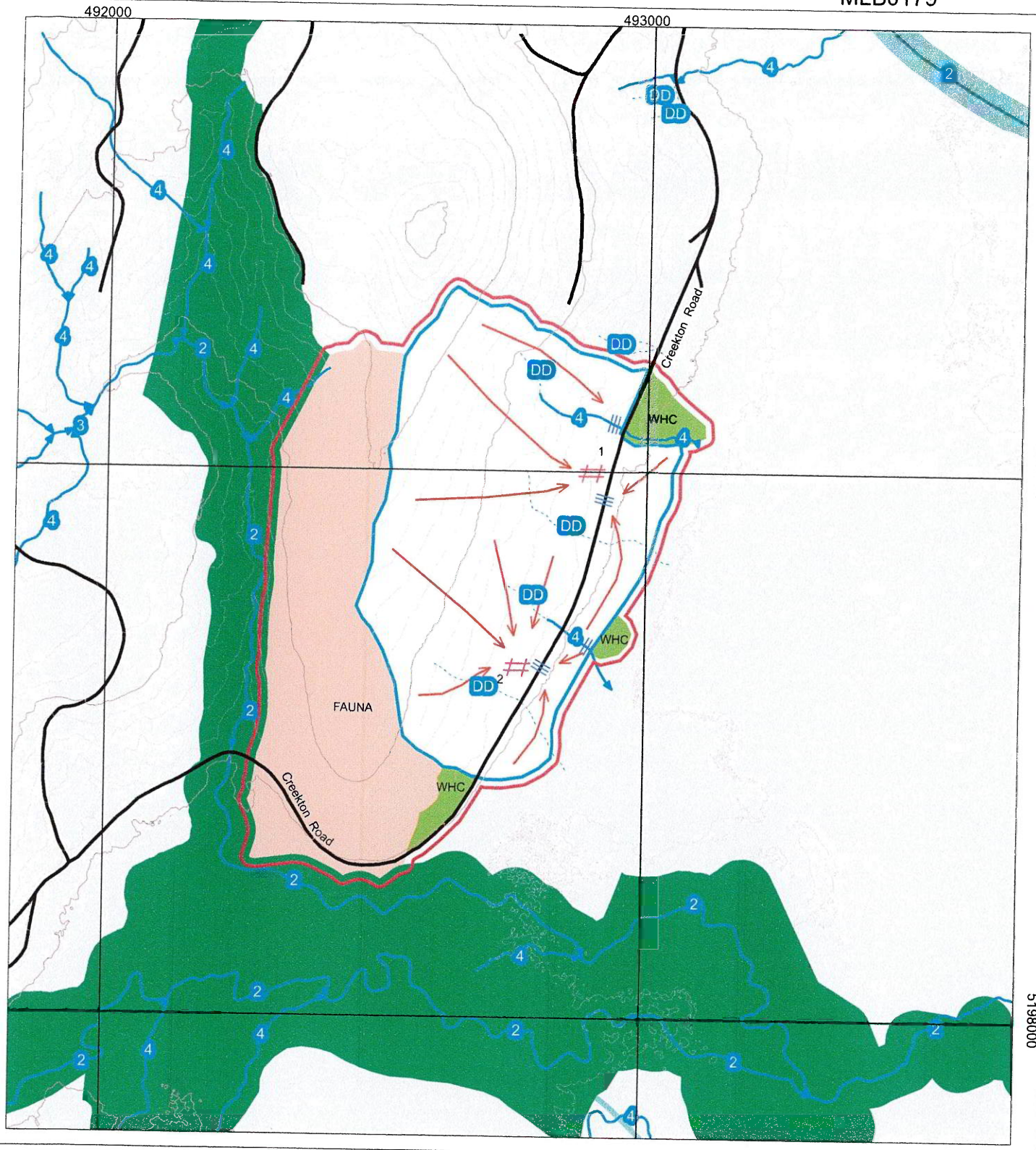
F. MANAGEMENT OF FUELS, OILS, RUBBISH AND EMISSIONS

- Fuel or oil spills that cause or threaten to cause environmental harm, or that are greater than 20 litres, will be reported to STT as soon as possible.
- Fuel/oil storage and refuelling sites will be located at least forty (40) metres from any water course to minimise the adverse effects on water quality in the event of any spillage and will be surrounded by an earthen bund capable of containing a fuel spill.
- The actions in the STT Emergency Response Procedure for oil and fuel spills are to be implemented.
- All rubbish to be cleaned up and removed from the site on a regular basis.

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Scale : 1:10000 EMP 147: JUNCTION OF HUON HIGHWAY AND ESPERANCE RIVER ROAD

Mapsheet: HASTINGS 4819

Harvest Area 34.7 Ha

Map Center Coordinates: 492763mE, 5198884mN

Date:Wednesday, August, 06, 2025

PTPZL outside Harvest Boundary
Informal Reserves on PTPZL
Stream
Drainage Depression
Harvest Boundary
FPP Boundary
Road Class 1-3
Extraction Direction
Crossing
Landing / Stockpile
Contour Lines (10 metres)
Contour Lines (50 metres)
Fauna Constraint
WHC

N

0 300m

Prepared by: [redacted]

Sustainable Timber Tasmania @ - 2025

NOTE: Map co-ordinates are based on GDA94. Topographic map data is supplied by DPIPWE. Boundaries may not co-incide due to different capture scales

Initials & Date:FPC [redacted]

L/O [redacted]

Appl_ [redacted] 18125

Decision by the Forest Practices Authority

Pursuant to section 19 of the Forest Practices Act 1985, this application is (tick applicable box)

Certified	✓	**Refused**		**Amended as attached**	

Signature	[redacted]	**Date**	21/8/25
Name	[redacted]		

I have made this dec[redacted]est Practices Authority under section 43 of the *Forest Practices Act 1985.*

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Approval to Submit Forest Practices Plan Number MLB0179 (the Plan)
Pursuant to section 18(4)(b) of the *Forest Practices Act 1985*

Landowners Consent

I am the owner of the land or the authorised agent of the owner of the land referred to in the Plan.

I give my approval for the plan to be submitted to the Forest Practices Authority as an application for certification under section 19 of the *Forest Practices Act 1985*.

I understand that, under Division 1A of the *Private Forests Act 1994*, I may be required to pay a levy to Private Forests Tasmania based on the nett area of forest operations under the Plan.

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Address	[redacted]	**Telephone**	[redacted]
Signature	[redacted]	**Date**	21/8/2025

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Acknowledgment of Applicant

I submit the Plan to the Forest Practices Authority (the Authority) and apply for its certification.

I acknowledge that the Plan has been prepared in accordance with section 18 of the Act.

I understand the provisions of the Plan, and that I am responsible for ensuring that the Plan is complied with unless otherwise stated in the Plan.

I understand that I am responsible for the lodgement of interim compliance reports with the Authority within 30 days of the completion of each discrete operational phase* authorised under the Plan; and further, for the lodgement of a final compliance report with the Authority within 30 days of the expiry of the Plan.

I understand that under sections 18(4A) and 18(4B) of the Act, I must pay a prescribed application fee at a time, and in a manner, determined by the Authority.

Pursuant to section 18(4C) of the Act, I am aware that if I fail to pay the fee according to the above terms, I acknowledge that the any unpaid portion of the fee is a debt due and payable to the Authority and may be recovered by the Authority in a court of competent jurisdiction.

I acknowledge the Plan may be made available to members of the public and other government departments in accordance with the provisions of the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the Authority's Policy on Communication of Information Relating to Forest Practices Plans.

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Signature	[redacted]	**Date**	21/8/2025

perational phases under this plan include
(enter yes or no against each forest practice proposed)

No	Roading	**No**	Non-Commercial Clearing
Yes	Timber Harvesting	**No**	Quarrying
Yes	Reforestation	**No**	Tree Fern Harvesting
Yes	Reforestation Assessment		

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