

Forest Management System – Summary Audit Report			
Client name:	Sustainable Timber Tasmania	Certificate #:	AFS 603478
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Audit type:	Surveillance 1	Audit date:	21/02/2025 to 02/03/2025
Standard:	AS/NZS 4708:2021	Auditor:	Mick Berry
This document provides a summary of the findings contained in a report to this client with respect to the implementation of the client's management system as determined during an audit conducted by BSI.			

Scope of certification:

Activities associated with the sustainable management of Tasmania's Permanent Timber Production Zone land, as described in the organisation's Forest Management Plan, including the administration, planning and management of forests; and the harvest, transport and sale of forest products.

Executive summary:

This report presents the findings of the surveillance assessment of the Forest Management System (FMS) of Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT), against the requirements of the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management AS/NZS4708:2021 and Occupational health and safety management systems ISO45001:2018 (the Standards), conducted by BSI in February 2025.

The audit focused on system planning and implementation processes, with respect to STT's Forest Management System (FMS) and the requirements of the Standard at locations including Hobart offices at Bathurst St and Lampton Ave, Geeveston office, depot and Island Specialty Timbers (IST), as well as temporary operational sites in the Huon and Peninsula areas within the Southern Region.

Stakeholder interactions are also considered as part of the assessment and are considered in the context of the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the forest management system.

Elements of the Standard sampled as part of this assessment were: Systematic Management elements; Clause 7 Support, Clause 8 Operations, Clause 11.4 Soil and water resources and Clause 7 Social and economic benefits.

The audit objectives have been achieved and the certificate scope remains appropriate. The audit team concludes based on the results of this audit that the organisation does fulfil the standards and audit criteria and it is deemed that the forest management system continues to achieve its intended outcomes.

This assessment identified several positive strengths or improvements in the organisation's forest management system including:

- The provision of Forest Practices Plans, once certified, on the Forest Practices Plan Portal.
- The management of stakeholder interactions in operational areas as well as 'Take a closer look' and 'Have your say' engagement initiatives.
- Enterprise Agreement negotiation framework implemented to support workers' rights and the ability to recruit and retain employees.
- Roll-out of Phase 2 Forest Operations Safety Plans and online contractor induction process supporting awareness of risk / hazards and controls relating to forest harvest operations.
- Health and wellbeing of workers initiatives such as dust monitoring process for quarry operations and Rural Alive and Well partnership

- Forest planning processes and subsequent forest operations supporting management of values and compliance to the relevant Codes of Practice, such as eagle management.

- Training developed for Water Sampling and Trauma Informed Leadership.

The effectiveness of corrective actions to address minor non-conformities from the previous audit have been reviewed and closed.

No minor non-conformities have been identified as part of this assessment.

Opportunities for improvement are identified in the body of this report.

I would like to thank STT staff and contract service providers their participation, support and assistance as part of this assessment.

Defined forest area statement:

The defined forest area consists of six forest management units: hardwood plantations; softwood plantations; wet eucalypt forests; dry eucalypt forests; blackwood forests and rainforest in Tasmania as described in the organisation's Forest Management Plan.

Detailed maps of the Defined Forest Area are publicly available on the organisation's website under Access Map

Defined forest area (in hectares):**759,298****Advised to AFS Limited on:****16 May 2024****Certificate expires on:****30 June 2027****Report prepared by:**

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