

Forests NSW Environmental Policy

Planted and native forests are a significant economic, recreational and cultural resource for the people of New South Wales. Forests NSW will work to conserve and advance forest values such as biodiversity, forest productivity, and the ability of forests to act as carbon sinks.

This policy reflects international, national, and State commitments, policies and programs to ensure that Forests NSW operates its business and manages forests in a way that is environmentally sensitive, socially beneficial and contributes to the economic wealth of the people of NSW, consistent with the Australian Forestry Standard.

Forests NSW will achieve ecologically sustainable forest management (ESFM) by:

- Managing forests for the benefit of current and future generations
- Ensuring that our management complements forest management on other tenures
- Working with others to develop a sustainable forest industry

Forests NSW commits to the:

- Conservation of biodiversity
- Protection of soil and water quality
- Protection of cultural heritage
- Provision of social and economic benefits

Forests NSW will:

- Measure and publicly report corporate performance
- Continually improve its Environmental Management System
- Meet or exceed regulatory requirements and government policy
- Implement the outcomes of the NSW Forest Agreements by working with other land managers and stakeholders
- Be open and transparent to the community about all operations
- Adapt forest management practices and systems in the light of auditing, monitoring and research information, changing expectations, regulatory requirements and government policy
- Implement world's best practice in forest management by staff and contractors, including the provision of training, professional development and accreditation processes
- Provide adequate resources to support policies and programs
- Develop and implement efficient energy use, waste management and prevention of pollution measures in all activities

Forests NSW will seek global business opportunities relating to environmental services and environmental enhancement.

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