The DPI Forestry – Plantations Regulation Unit regulates the plantations industry throughout NSW under the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999. Our priorities are decided consistently with NSW Government priorities, the Department of Primary Industries Strategic Plan and are informed by an assessment of the risks associated with plantation establishment, management and harvesting and their potential impact on regulatory outcomes.

Enduring Priorities
With over 370,000 hectares of plantations in NSW providing environmental, economic and social benefits, our ongoing priorities include:

- Implementing quality compliance audits for authorised plantations across NSW.
- Ensuring new authorisations comply with the Plantations and Reafforestation Act and Code
- Assessing all applications within the guarantee of service timeframes.
- Targeting audits of those plantations that present a high risk of environmental harm.
- Providing stakeholders with insights on the economic, environmental and social benefits of plantations in NSW.

Focus Priorities for 2019-2020
Alongside our day to day activities, we will also focus resources on:

**Sustainability**

**Priority:** Review and investigate the status of environmental plantations across NSW, including where plantations may have been harvested or abandoned.

**Extension and Advisory Services**

**Priority:** Review and update advisory materials available to industry.
**Priority:** Develop and release new guidelines for industry use in developing operational plans for plantations.
**Priority:** Develop and release new advisory materials to increase confidence in the regulation of the plantations industry.

**Enforcement**

**Priority:** Implement an enforcement regime to drive greater industry voluntary compliance and create effective deterrence to non-compliance.

**Innovation**

**Priority:** Investigate and develop real time industry access to authorisation, audit and compliance information.
**Priority:** Investigate and develop e-forms to drive red tape reduction and increased voluntary compliance for industry.