

Regulatory Priorities 2021-2022

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 390,000 hectares of plantations in NSW providing environmental, economic and social benefits, our ongoing priorities include:

- Implementing an outcomes focussed compliance program 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.
- Managing the demand for quality advisory and extension activities within service delivery principles.
- Quality audits of 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 2020-2021

Alongside our day to day activities, we will also focus resources on:



Advisory and Extension Support

Priority: Build greater awareness of the versatility of plantations as a complementary land use by highlighting farm forestry opportunities.

Priority: Deliver sessions on the Plantations and Reafforestation (Code) Regulation 2001 to improve operational knowledge of plantation owners, managers and contractors.



Regulation

Priority: Deliver a compliance strategy to complement our ongoing regulatory program.

Priority: Enhancing industry capacity to confidently self-report compliance issues, creating improved voluntary compliance outcomes.



Innovation

Priority: Deliver efficient business systems aligned to improve customer service delivery and outcome performance.