

Regional Forest Agreement framework questionnaire

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 Forest management framework in New South Wales, Sustainable access to timber resources, Research and development, Conservation reserve system, Threatened species, Aboriginal connections to forests, Employment in forest and wood products industries, Recreation and tourism

Select your interests:

Other interests:

How effective do you think the RFAs have been : Partially effective

What elements would you want to see retained and remain unchanged : Industry needs the commitment of a long term supply from public forests. Current monitoring of the RFA for socio-economic and environmental reasons. The principles of the RFA should be retained.

What elements would you want to change?: Industry needs security and a set amount of the resource available should be committed forever to allow business to invest into the future.

Simplifying the RFAs and removing redundant or duplicated commitments?: Important

Maintaining a strong focus on triple bottom line outcomes?: Very important

Updating references to legislation, codes of practice or new regulation? : Very important

Alignment with contemporary policies and programs?: Important

Alignment with the National Forest Policy Statement and global agreements on sustainable forestry?: Very important

Improving review and reporting requirements: Very important

What improvements could be made to the five yearly review and consultation processes?: Government needs to report and follow through with RFA outcomes and achievements - Failures!

What improvements could be made to support the day-to-day implementation of RFAs?: Removal of EPA from issuing consent on private property and replacing it with primary industry approval as its a conflict of interest.

What further research and monitoring could be important to consider for future RFAs?: More study needs to be done on locked up areas of public forest not available to timber harvesting to make sure its a genuine case for need of a lock up and not just emotional decisions as we have seen with the Carr Government.

What improvements could be made to RFA related communication?: Governments need to report truthfully to industry. We have seen some government bodies not reveal the full extent of a RFA failure, thus industry cannot defend itself properly or cant address issues if its not told.

What improvements could be made to the RFA implementation framework to support a rolling extension mechanism?: Offer industry a 10 year extension rather than 5 because 5 years is not enough to encourage business to invest into the future. Also something needs to be put in place to support wood supply agreements well into the future.

What other improvements could be made to the RFA framework?: Governments have not been made accountable for failures under the RFA. An open honest and transparent framework must be put in place in order to address all principles of the RFA.

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