

The Forest Products Commission (FPC) is a Western Australian Statutory Authority established to develop and market Western Australia's renewable timber resources.

The FPC is committed to ensuring that these resources are managed sustainably through the implementation of forest management practices that are environmentally sound, socially acceptable and economically viable.

Under this policy, the FPC is committed to:

- Clearly defining the scope of its forest management responsibilities.
 - Maintaining an integrated forest management system that is independently certified to international and Australian standards.
 - Operating in accordance with relevant legislation, applicable codes, standards and other compliance requirements to ensure forest management complies with environmental laws, and that forest products do not originate from controversial sources^[1]
 - Ensuring the continuity, integrity, and validity of forest management through effective planning, implementation, monitoring, audit, and complaints management systems, supported by regular reviews and an effective reporting system.
 - Setting objectives and targets to ensure a continuous improvement approach to both management performance and managing environmental, economic, social and cultural impacts and outcomes, including the prevention of pollution.
 - Minimising any significant adverse environmental impacts that result from its activities, products and services where reasonably practicable.
- Considering the life cycle perspective and the FPC's extent of control or influence that it can exert over activities, products and services.
 - Ensuring there are no planted genetically modified trees within forests managed by the FPC.
 - Ensuring staff and contractors are trained in good forest management practices.
 - Understanding the needs and expectations of all stakeholders relevant to its activities and determining additional compliance obligations to meet these.
 - Recognising the importance of compliance with Australian employment law and relevant International Labour Conventions.
 - Providing resources appropriate to the nature, scale and impact of the forest activities.
 - Collaborating with First Nations Peoples to infuse traditional ecological and spiritual values into decisions, policy and practice.



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[1] – Controversial sources as defined by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) in Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements (PEFC ST 2002:2020).