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FPA BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

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Work Health, Safety and Wellbeing Audit report and Covid-19 Pandemic

The monthly WHS&W report was noted. The DSG COVID-19 Safety Plan continues to be implemented for all offices and vehicles.

Finance

The Board reviewed the monthly financial report and draft Financial Management Policy and Guidelines. The Board also considered a paper on the funding and financial outlook for the FPA, also provided to FPAC at their meeting on 3rd December 2020.

Compliance

The Board considered compliance reports and preliminary information on one investigation.

The Board discussed a paper on representative sampling and the framework for the 2021 forest practices plan assessment program, endorsing several recommendations that met statutory requirements. Members also considered legal advice from the Solicitor-General on the level of proof required under s.47B of the *Forest Practices Act 1985*. Members prioritised matters to be addressed by the Compliance Committee in 2021.

Private Timber Reserves

The Board agreed to recommend to Her Excellency the Governor the granting of applications for 2 PTRs covering 56ha and the revocation of 5 full PTRs covering 284 ha.

Swift parrot

Members were briefed on the latest research into the distribution of Swift Parrot and recent sightings in the Eastern Tiers near current forestry operations.

Meeting of Forest Practices Advisory Council (FPAC)

The Board noted advice from FPAC from draft minutes of their meeting on 3rd December 2020.

Meeting dates for 2021

Members agreed on a meeting schedule for calendar year 2021, noting there were no plans to meet in January.

Next Meeting - scheduled for Friday 19th February 2021 in Burnie