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FPA BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

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Forest Practices Code Review

The public notice to amend the Code was published on 20 July 2019, with comments and objections to be sent by 20 September 2019.

Finance

The monthly financial report was presented. The Board agreed to establish a Finance Committee to review and advise on the financial outlook for the Authority in the current and future financial years. The FPA Financial Statements for 2018/19 have been prepared and are currently being reviewed by the Tasmanian Audit Office as part of their normal annual process.

Permanent Native Forest Estate Policy

The Board reviewed the operation of the PNFE Policy and its role in making decisions in accordance with its provisions. A list of potentially relevant considerations is to be prepared to inform the decision making process on applications for clearing and conversion subject to the circumstances of any application.

Forest Practices Advisory Council

The Forest Practices Advisory Council met on 15 August 2019.

Changes to the Forest Practices Act

The Forest Practices Amendment Bill 2018 passed both Houses of Parliament without amendment and is expected to receive Royal Assent on 2 September 2019.

Forest Practices Officer – Hawfen Pearce

Hawfen Pearce is delegated certain powers under the Forest Practices Act, including the ability to consider and certify applications for, and variations of, forest practices plans.

Habitat for the Swift Parrot

The Board considered further advice on the draft Public Authority Management Agreement (PAMA) being negotiated between STT and DPIPW.

Private Timber Reserves

The Board agreed to recommend the revocation of twelve PTRs covering 962 ha. The reason for a number of the revocations was future use of the land for agricultural activities.

Next Meeting

The next FPA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday 20 September 2019.