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## **FPA BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE**

**20 November 2020**

### **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.

### **Compliance**

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

The Board made a final determination to issue prescribed fines to two entities for alleged breaches of s. 21(1) of the *Forest Practices Act 1985* (the Act) relating to failing to comply or contravene the provisions of a forest practices plan, failing to mark boundaries and clearing outside the areas authorised by the plan. The fines were \$2000 and \$10,000.

### **Private Timber Reserves**

The Board agreed to recommend to Her Excellency the Governor the revocation of 3 full PTRs and 4 partial PTRs covering 491ha.

### **Socio-economic program**

Members considered a proposed framework for determining potential socio-economic impacts of decisions linked to significant issues in the forest practices system and agreed to trial it for 6 months. The Board also considered background work on estimating the value of the forest practices system.

### **Meeting of Forest Practices Advisory Council (FPAC)**

The Board determined matters to be submitted for advice to the next meeting of FPAC on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, including an amended draft of the Forest Practices Officer (FPO) Code of Conduct.

### **FPO Training Course and FPO Activity review**

The CFPO briefed members on progress with the FPO Training Course. Board members who had attended the Botany component noted the high-quality delivery of subject material. Members reviewed analyses of FPO activity in preparing and certifying forest practices plans since January 2018.

### **FPA Annual Report 2019-20**

Members were advised that the annual report had now been tabled in parliament and published on the FPA's website and expressed their thanks to all staff involved.

**Meeting with Minister for Resources**

The Chair briefed members on matters discussed and outcomes from his recent meeting with the Minister for Resources, the Hon Guy Barnett MHA

**Next Meeting - scheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**