

## FPA BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

**21 June 2019**

### **Forest Practices Code Review**

The Board noted further progress on the development of a revised draft Code. The current draft is being prepared for public exhibition for the statutory 60 day consultation period.

### **Finance**

The Board noted the monthly financial report and that the FPA continues to be in a sound financial position. The Board formed a Finance sub-committee to closely monitor and review the FPA's financial outlook.

### **Compliance**

The Board noted that the Compliance team are busy completing the 2018/19 forest practices plan audit program.

### **Forest Practices Amendment Bill 2018**

Members noted that the Bill is on the Notice Paper for the next sitting of the Legislative Council.

### **Vegetation Management Agreement**

The Board reviewed and approved a Vegetation Management Agreement with Hobart City Council for the control of an invasive plant species and the maintenance of grasslands and grassy woodlands on the Queen's Domain in Hobart.

### **Swift parrot**

The Board endorsed an amended protocol for stopping work and seeking specialist advice when Swift parrots are identified near active certified forest practices plan areas. The Board discussed the management of foraging habitat in the Southern Forests.

### **Other matters**

The Board were advised that a draft Communications and Engagement Strategy had been further developed and expert advice has been sought to progress the strategy.

The Board discussed emerging issues associated with implementation of the Permanent Native Forest Estate Policy (2017). A decision was made to limit consideration of applications for clearing and conversion of native forests for agricultural purposes to 40 ha per property per year to a single forest practices plan. Where larger areas of broad scale clearing and conversion are proposed, applicants will be advised that they will need to demonstrate to the Minister a substantial public benefit before the FPA can consider the application.

### **Next Meeting**

The next FPA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday 19 July 2019.