

# Appointment of new Chief Forest Practices Officer at the Forest Practices Authority

Dear Forest Practices Officers and other stakeholders in the forest practices system,

On behalf of the Board it is my pleasure to formally announce the appointment of Dr Peter Volker as the new Chief Forest Practices Officer (CFPO) of the Forest Practices Authority, effective as of Tuesday 5th April 2016.

Peter commenced working with the FPA as a State Servant on Monday 4th April 2016, and takes over the reins from Angus MacNeil, who has been Acting CFPO since February 2015.

Peter has significant managerial and corporate governance experience. He is a Registered Professional Forester with 35 years of post-graduate experience which includes expertise in tree breeding, forest genetics and plantation silviculture. He has worked in state and federal government including GBEs, Universities, research institutions, small companies and as a consultant. He worked for Forestry Tasmania as Principal Research Scientist (Plantations) from 2002 to 2007, and then as Field Services Manager from 2007 to 2013. He was appointed as a certifying forest practices officer on 29 May 1995 and has prepared and certified several forest practise plans. He was National President of the Institute of Foresters of Australia from 2005 to 2011. He has experience in corporate governance having been a Director and Chairman of the Southern Tree Breeding Association Inc. and PlantPlan Genetics Pty Ltd. He has also completed an Australian Institute of Company Directors course.

His most recent job was as forestry adviser to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Senator Richard Colbeck. He is currently a Board member and volunteer media liaison officer with Rowing Tasmania.



*Peter Volker, the new CFPO*

Peter's qualifications include a BSc in forestry, a Graduate Diploma and PhD in forest genetics and an MBA (Professional) in Environmental Management. He has co-authored the publication "Farm Forestry: A technical and business handbook" and has been an author and co-author on several scientific publications in peer reviewed journals and conference proceedings.

Peter is also a keen cyclist and golfer, a nationally accredited rowing coach and regular volunteer. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Peter to the FPA and we look forward to benefitting from his wide experience and drive in his new role.

I thank Angus MacNeil for his dedication and diligence in fulfilling the role of Acting CFPO since the departure of Graham Wilkinson from the position. I am pleased that Angus continues as Business Administration Manager with the FPA.

John Ramsay  
Chair, Board of the FPA  
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