

FPA BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

19 July 2019

Forest Practices Code Review

The Board noted that the public notice to amend the Code will be published on 20 July, with comments and objections to be sent by 20 September 2019. The Draft Forest Practices Code 2019 can be downloaded from the FPA website.

Finance

The Board noted the monthly financial report and that the FPA continues to be in a sound financial position.

Compliance

The Board resolved to seek prosecution for a serious clearance and conversion breach, without an FPP and involving threatened vegetation, in northeast Tasmania.

The Board noted that the Compliance team has conducted about fifty audits for the 2018/19 forest practices plan audit program. A summary is being prepared for the annual report.

Permanent Native Forest Estate Policy

The Board reviewed the evolution of the PNFE policy and asked for the FPA's Administrative Guidelines for the certification of FPPs for clearance and conversion to be updated to reflect the 2017 iteration of the policy and the commitments in the Regional Forest Agreement, which was renegotiated in 2017.

Swift parrot

The Board considered summary information on blue gum occurrence in the southern forests, recorded from forest inventory plots held by Sustainable Timber Tasmania. The aim was to estimate the proportion of blue gum in the southern forests, according to high, medium and low-density classes, to better understand the foraging resource for swift parrots. Preliminary analysis suggests the inventory plots may not be suited to this purpose.

Next Meeting

The next FPA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday 16 August 2019.