

Forest Practices Awards 2015: call for nominations

The Board of the Forest Practices Authority (FPA) invites nominations for the Forest Practices Awards. The awards recognise excellence and continuous improvement in forest practices. The winners will be presented with Forest Practices Certificates of Excellence at an awards ceremony in 2015.

The deadline for submitting nominations is **15 April 2015**. Nominations can be submitted in any of the following categories:

Preparation of forest practices plans

This award will be made to Planning FPOs. It will be judged on the basis of consistency, clarity, high quality, freedom from errors and innovation or excellence in dealing with complex or challenging issues for one or more plans. Awards may also be made jointly to more than one FPO, as plans are often a co-operative effort, or for a business unit for excellence in regard to plans prepared by a group of FPOs.

Inspection and supervision of forest operations

This award will apply to Inspecting FPOs and field supervisors. It will be judged for special diligence in the inspection and management of forest practices issues in the forest, resulting in the achievement of excellence.

Conduct of forest operations to high operational standards

This award will apply to both contractors and business units. It will be judged on the basis of consistently good performance in regard to forest practices.

Innovation in forest practices

This award seeks to recognise the development of new tools or methods to improve forest practices, such as the development of planning tools, innovation in equipment design, improved silvicultural techniques or the development of operational practices that provide improved environmental outcomes.

Excellence in community relations in regard to forest practices

This award will apply to an FPO, business unit or any organisation and seeks to recognise the successful solution, from the point of view of all parties involved, of difficult forest planning or operational issues. Nominations may include situations where consultation or partnerships with neighbours or community groups have led to the successful resolution of complex or challenging issues or public information/education programs that have led to improved public understanding and support for sustainable forest management.

Excellence in research, advice and services to forest managers

This award looks to recognise work in research, advice, services and forest management by private landowners which shows exceptional merit in regard to forest practices.

Nominations

To nominate a suitable candidate, please supply the following to the board of the FPA:

- a document of 1000 words or less (one to two typed pages) setting out the basis of the nomination, supported by photographs or other documents where appropriate
- names and contact details of the nominee and person making the nomination
- names and contact details for two referees who are prepared to support the nomination.

Judging

Nominations will be examined and short-listed by a committee with expertise in forest practices convened by the board. The work of the short-listed nominees will be inspected in the field and listed for consideration by the board.

Nominations should be forwarded to:

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by 15 April 2015

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