

FPA BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

16 December 2021

Board members

David Gatenby and Cheryl Arnol attended their final meeting after serving as Directors for five and six years respectively. Their exemplary service and contribution is acknowledged. New Board members have been appointed by the Minister with commencement on 17 December 2021, being Kim Creak, Jodie Mason and Paul West.

Private Timber Reserves

Five applications for revocation of PTRs were approved, totalling 386 ha.

Compliance

Five investigations were considered. These involve clearing of trees without the authority of a certified forest practices plan, ranging in area from 2 ha to over 40 ha. Preliminary determination was made in one case, final determination in two cases and two matters are to be referred to the Office of Director of Public Prosecution for consideration.

Consideration of FPP application for clearing and conversion of a threatened native vegetation community (TNVC)

The application requires the Authority to be satisfied of at least one of four conditions outlined in section 19 (1AA) of the Act before a FPP for clearance and conversion of a TNVC can be certified. The Authority considered an application for clearing and conversion of approximately 8 ha of inland *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest on cainozoic deposits with 1.2 ha in good condition. The landowner is proposing that a 12 ha of that community in another location will be permanently protected. The application will be further considered in light of resolution of the permanent protection proposal.

Forest Practices Officer appointment

The Board appointed Jason Wiersma as a Forest Practices Officer.

King Island Communication Strategy

A communication strategy for King Island will focus on FPA representation at the 2022 King Island Show and a field trip for landowners to provide information on the value of native vegetation on the island and the need for appropriate planning and approval before clearing.

Retirement of FPA Business Manager and Administration Assistant

Angus MacNeil retired on 15 December after 17 years with the FPA including nearly two years as Acting CFPO. Adrienne Liddell also retired in November after nearly 20 years service. The Board thanks them for their important contribution and service and wishes them both well for the future.

Next scheduled Board meeting – 18 February 2022.