

Possibilities for developing the Forest Practices System

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Is there are need to look at new developments within the Forest Practices System?

The Forest Practices System is an excellent example of how a co-regulatory model can work, for the model to continue to work as effectively has it has done over the past thirty years the Forest Industry as a group needs to work together to look at ways to continually improve it.



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Do Forest Practices Officers feel that they are adequately supported by the FPA?

- Independent FPOs getting adequate support from the FPA. *Peer review , training*
- Forest Practices Authority Reference Group (FPORG) providing a suitable means of representing the FPOs, *Meet quarterly, Industry and Independent FPO in group*
- FPA Board and FPAC listening to the FPOs concerns. *FPO Refresher Courses, FPORG*
- FPA Specialists. *Need to ensure research links to operational outcomes*



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Is there a conflict of interest in the FPO role?

- Perception from the public. *Looking from outside the Forest Industry this perception is evident. Need to ensure that the general public is more aware of FPP audits, Certificate of Compliances.*
- Between FPOs employers and landowners. *Pressure to maximise area, need to balance production against potential reserves.*



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Is there adequate training available?

- Level of Personal Development and training required to keep FPO ticket valid. *Need to record training and Personal Development on a central data base managed by FPA.*
- FPO training in administrative decision making and legal responsibilities. *This has become evident with the increased scrutiny on public sector authorities.*



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Is there adequate training available contd. ?

- Need to provide training on the Forest Practices Code and the Forest Practices Act at the supervisor/ contractor level. *With increase in employment over the past two years there is a need to provide training on FPC.*
- Consult with FPOs and the Forest Industry regarding their need for training. *Engage with FPOs requesting them to identify areas that require further training.*



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Will the upcoming review of the FPC reflect the changes within the Forest Industry?

- Plantation sector activity has increased within the sector. *Need to ensure that there is an increased emphasis on plantations within reviewed FPC.*
- Recent changes have simplified the approach to small scale plantation < 10 ha FPPs. *This has been a positive development.*
- FPA currently calculated from operational area. *When thinning Native forest and plantations the volume can be very low and the levy has a negative impact on returns, option to levy on volume.*

