

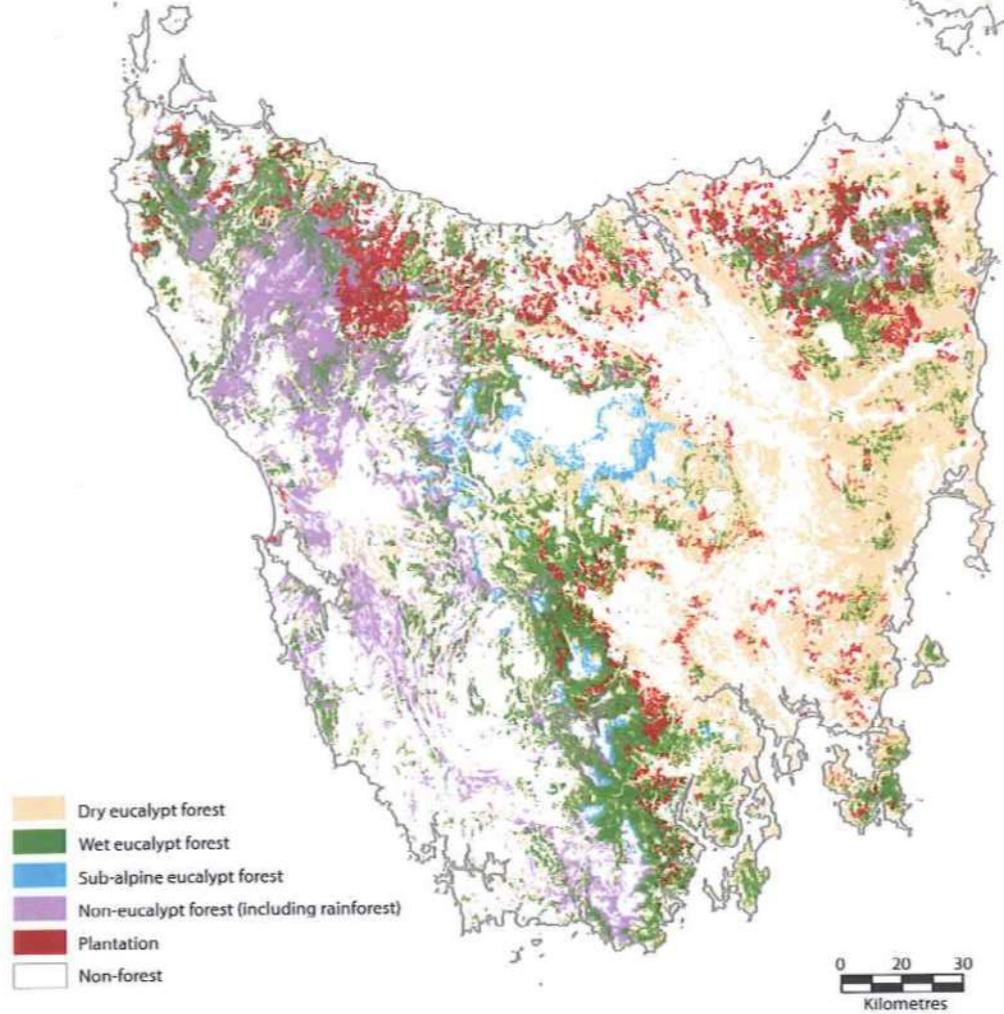
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## Tasmania's Forest Management System



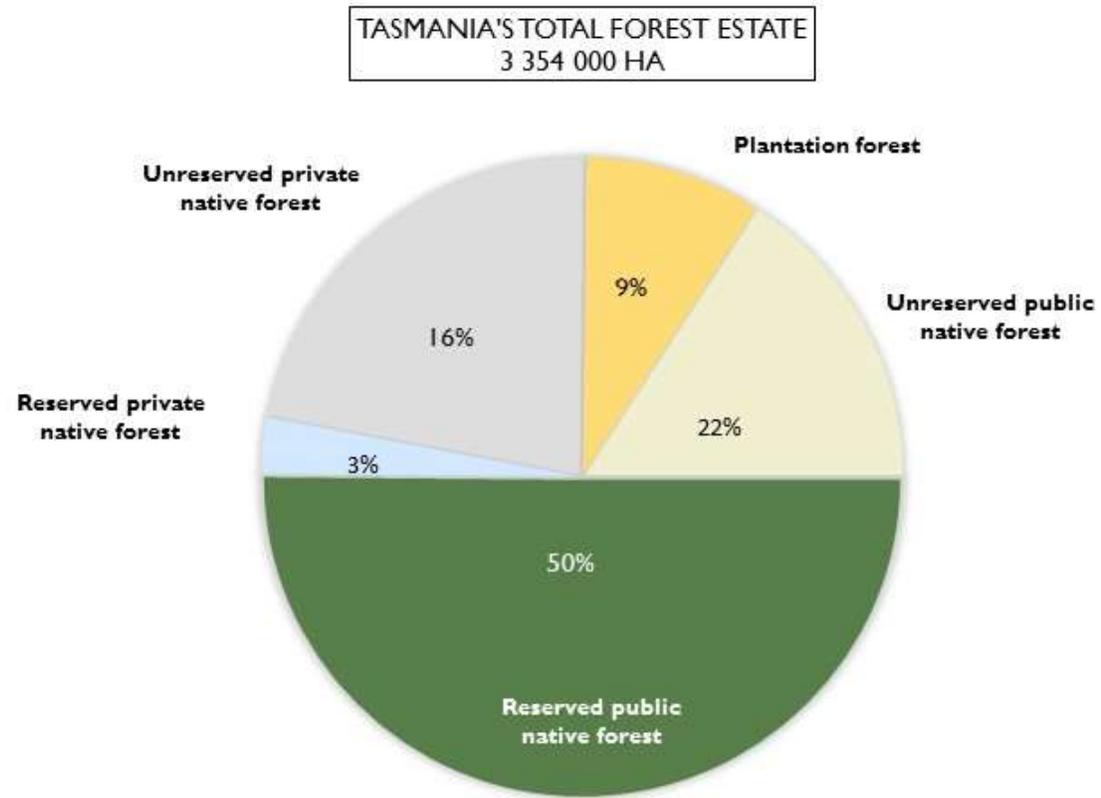


## Tasmania's forests – half of Tasmania is forested



Source: *State of the Forests Tasmania, Forest Practices Authority* 2017.

## Tasmanian Forests Estate



# What is a “Management System”?

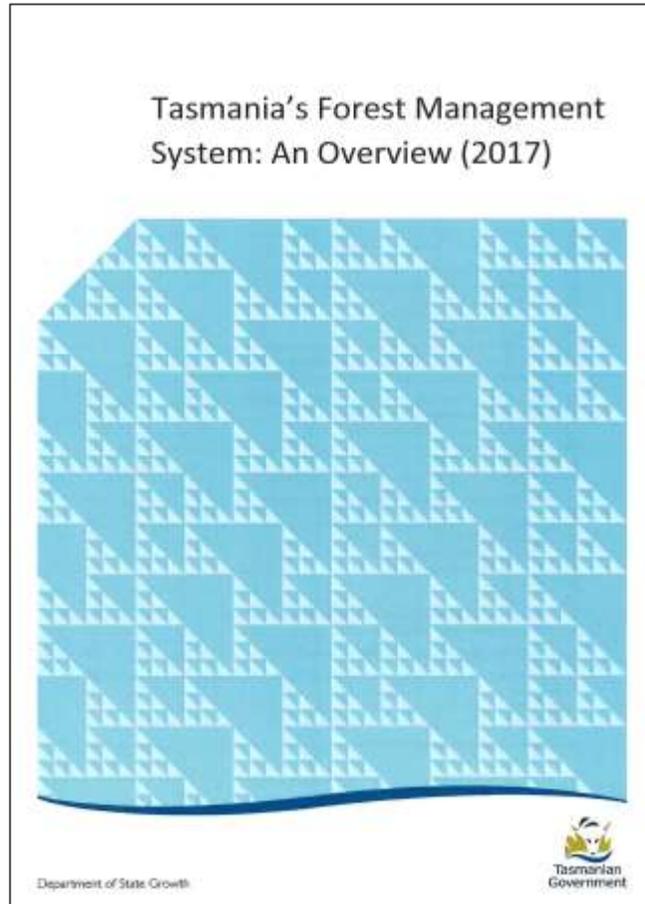
- *A management system* is essentially a framework of policies, processes and procedures to assist an organisation achieve its objectives.
- *Forest Management System* means the State’s suite of [legislation, policies, codes, plans and management practices](#) as summarised in *Tasmania’s Forest Management System: An Overview (2017)* as amended from time to time.

*Source: Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement 1997 (RFA)*

# What's in a “Management System”?

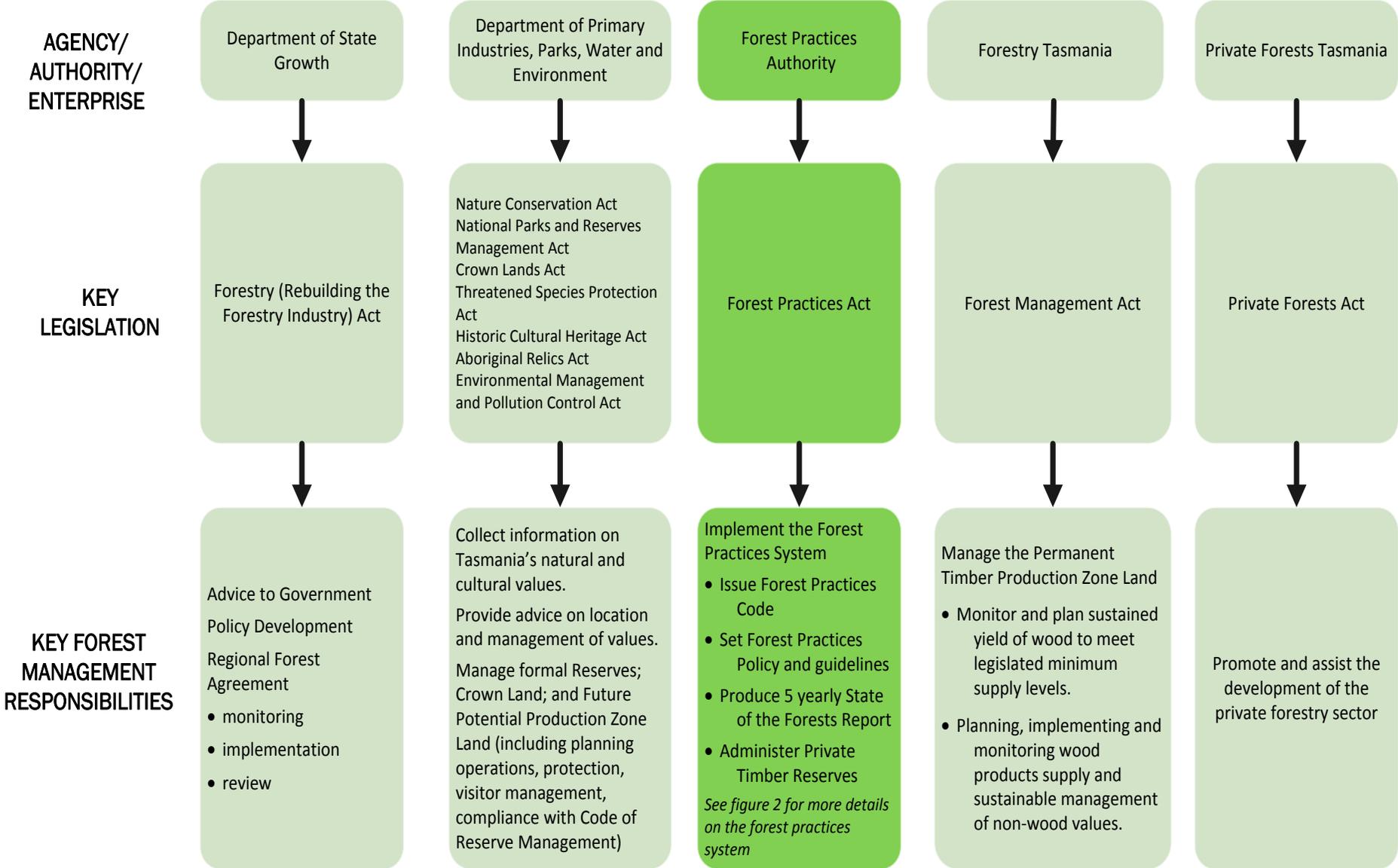
- **Leadership (governance)** (eg departments, organisations, boards, committees, management)
- **Legislation and policy** (eg acts, regulations, state policies, internal policies)
- **Planning** (eg strategic plans, management plans, recovery plans)
- **Implementation** (eg operations plans, codes of practice, procedures, databases)
- **Monitoring and compliance** (eg monitoring programs, audits, enforcement protocols, certification)
- **Review and improvement** (eg annual reports, “State of” reports, annual reviews, continuous improvement and adaptive management processes)

# Tasmania's Forest Management System – an overview 2017



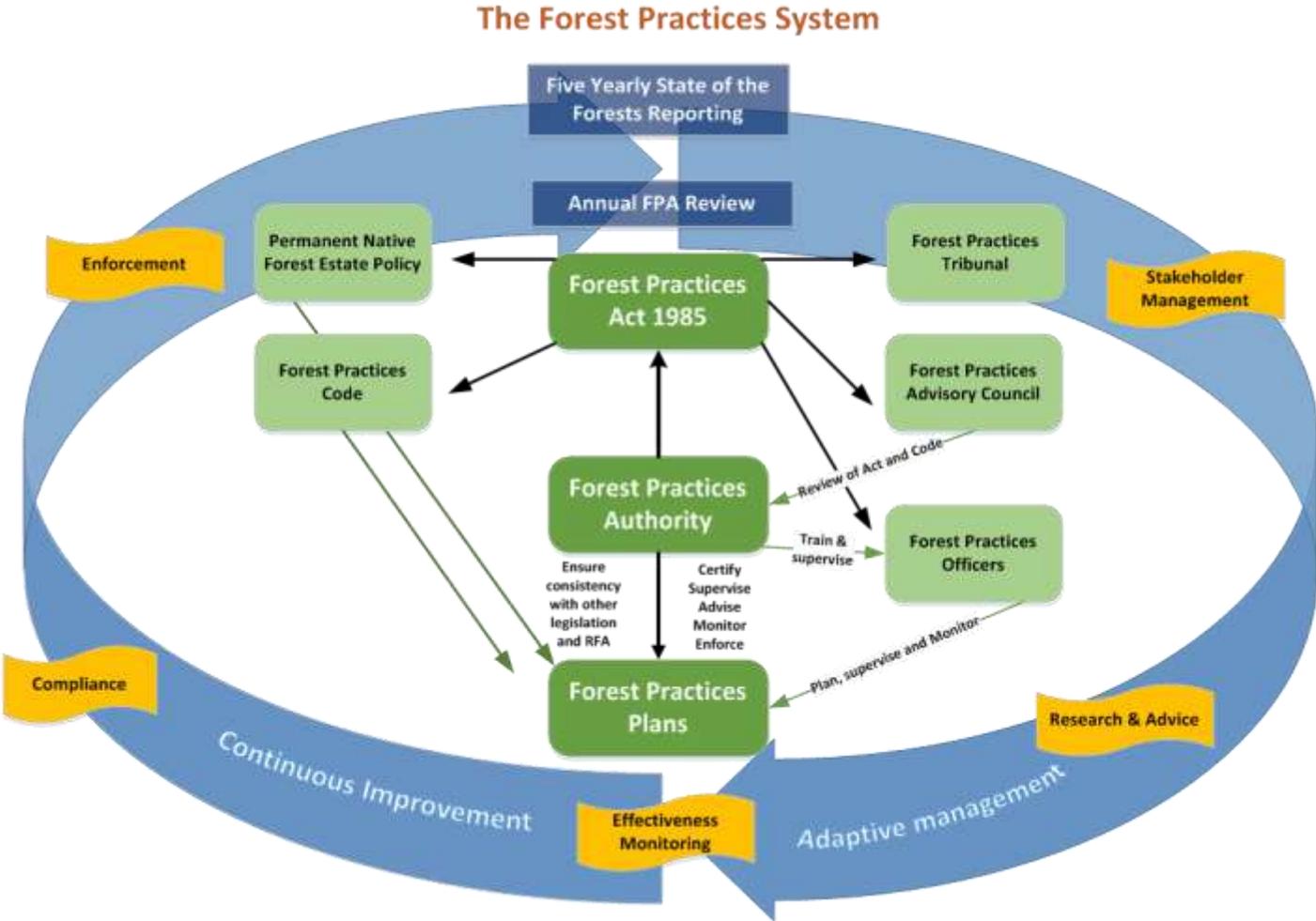
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# THE TASMANIAN FOREST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FRAMEWORK



Source: Department of State Growth 2017.

# Forest Practices System – managing forestry operations



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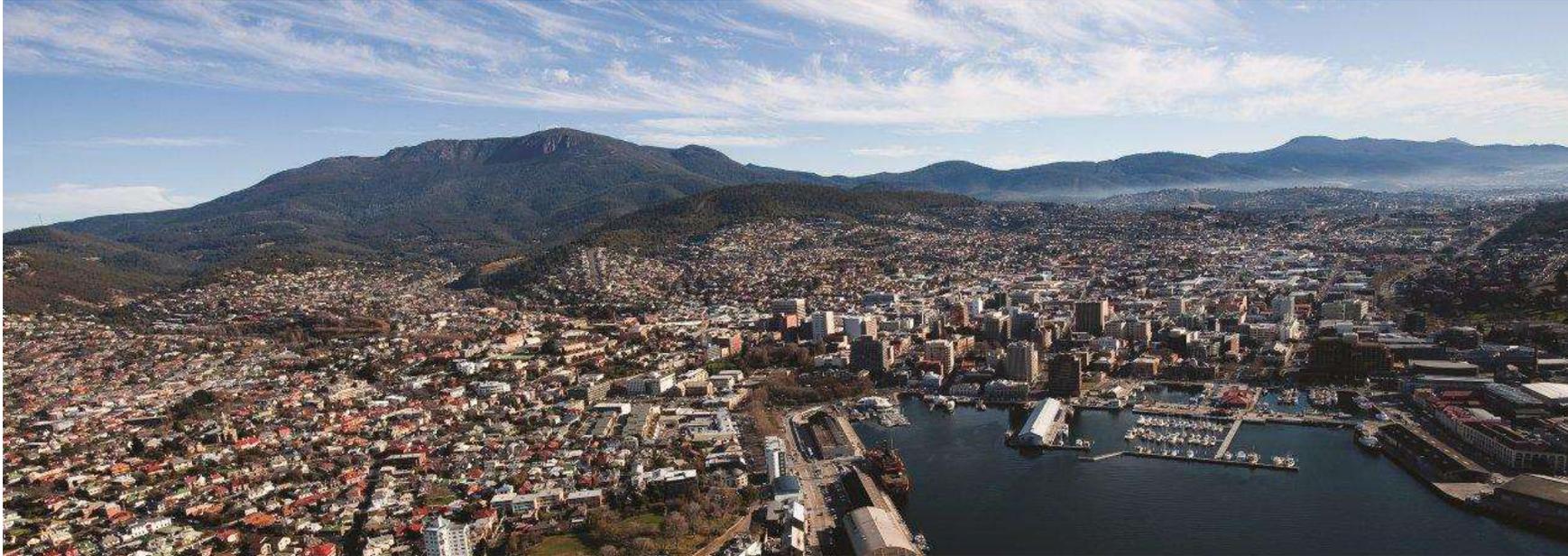
# Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement

- The RFA is an intergovernmental agreement between the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, originally signed in 1997. The RFA was varied in 2001, 2007 and 2017, and by a supplementary agreement in 2005.
- The RFA does two basic things:
  - i. It commits the Tasmanian Government to continuing to implement its forest management system (including its system of conservation reserves and its production forestry systems) – and to continue to improve the system through collection of evidence, response to feedback and adaptive management.
  - ii. It provides a mechanism under which the Australian Government assesses and maintains accreditation of Tasmania's forest management system as meeting the objectives of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBCA)*.
- Another way of describing the RFA is a formal agreed framework for continuous improvement and adaptive management of Tasmania's forest management system.

# Continuous improvement

- A system is never perfect - there is always room for improvement.
- In the context of Tasmania's forest management system - designed to deliver "sustainable forest management" – improvements need to be considered in the context of environmental, social and economic outcomes.
- Measuring improvement:
  - Effectiveness
  - Efficiency
  - Evidence based

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