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Introduction

Regional Forest Agreements (RFA) are separate Agreements between the Australian Government and the State Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. Based on good science and extensive consultation, the Agreements set out broad strategies to achieve a balance between conservation and a sustainable and competitive forest industry. The Agreements are in place for 20 years.

In New South Wales there are three RFAs in place covering the North East, Eden and Southern regions. The Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP and the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon Bob Carr MP, signed the Eden RFA on 25 August 1999.

The RFAs are subject to annual reporting during the first five years and thereafter five-yearly reviews, to report progress against milestones. Progress reporting by the Australian and New South Wales governments (the Parties) on the implementation of the NSW RFAs has been aligned to a financial year basis, being the period 1 July to 30 June each year.

This is the third Eden RFA annual report and provides details on the achievement of milestones for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

Progress on Milestones

Note: References to NSW Government agencies are at 30 June 2003.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation
6	The Parties to determine the process for extending the Agreement for a further period.	3 rd Five yearly review	Not required until the third five-yearly review.
17	The Parties to develop and consider regional development initiatives to be funded from unspent Commonwealth and State funds committed under the South East Forest Agreement.	Within six months of signing	Unspent Australian Government South East Forest Agreement (SEFA) funds (\$3.6 million) have been committed to the Eden Region Adjustment Package, which was announced on 26 November 1999. No uncommitted funds remain under SEFA.
37	Parties to report annually on the achievement of milestones in this Agreement.	Annually for first five years	This is the third annual report on the achievement of milestones contained in the Eden Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) and covers the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.
40	The Parties to determine the mechanism for the five yearly review.	Before the end of the five yearly review period	Discussions were held between Australian and NSW government officials in early 2003 to discuss mechanisms for conducting the review. NSW agreed to develop a proposal for the review of the RFAs for consideration by the Australian Government. At 30 June 2003, NSW was continuing to develop a scoping agreement (including terms of reference) for the five yearly review. Elements of the scoping agreement (including terms of reference) that deal with the review of the RFAs will be finalised with the Australian Government following the establishment of a State position.
46(b)	NSW to complete and publish plans of management of areas dedicated under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> (NSW).	1 January 2002	Plans of management for areas dedicated under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> are being progressively completed. There were 17 national parks/nature reserves/historic sites in the Eden region that required management plans to be prepared. At 30 June 2003, nine plans of management had been adopted (including one that was being revised). A further five plans were in preparation. Preparation of a plan for Biamanga National Park will not commence until leaseback arrangements with the Aboriginal community are finalised. Preparation of the remaining three plans had not yet begun.
46(c)	NSW to complete and publish a Regional ESFM Plan for State forests.	1 April 2000	Following the public exhibition of the draft Regional Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management (ESFM) Plans in 2000, State Forests of NSW (SFNSW) has been progressively refining the documents in response to feedback from the public and regulatory agencies. Delays in the completion of the plans have been experienced due to changes within SFNSW operating environment and NSW government structures following the March 2003 State election. The final plans are scheduled for completion in early 2005, following which a further public exhibition period will occur prior to publication in late 2005/early 2006.

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46(d)	NSW to implement the Forest Management Zoning system for the Eden Region.	1 October 1999	<p>The Forest Management Zoning (FMZ) system for State forests was announced in March 1999 with the release of the document entitled <i>Managing Our Forests Sustainably: Forest Management Zoning in NSW State Forests</i>.</p> <p>A Geographic Information System (GIS) operational layer was agreed at the time of signing of the NSW <i>Forest Agreement for the Eden Region</i> and applied. These areas were illustrated on maps attached to SFNSW' draft Regional ESFM Plans, publicly exhibited in 2000. The maps illustrated the areas of State forest to be managed for conservation purposes and those to be managed for timber production by applying the FMZ system. The FMZs have been progressively implemented across State forests in the region, and includes some minor changes to some FMZs.</p>
46(f)	NSW to develop and implement an inventory system for regrowth forests and review the calculation of Sustainable Yield, using methods consistent with Attachment 11 and the principles and processes used in the Forest Resource and Management Evaluation System (FRAMES).	In time for the first five yearly review	<p>SFNSW has implemented an inventory-plot management system for the Eden region, called REDEN. The system is designed to provide strategic analysis output for the even aged regrowth forests of the south east. The system provides for biometrics specific to the regrowth forests of the south east. The output of this system has also been incorporated into a Spatial Woodstock and Woodstock wood flow model to provide a wood scheduling framework to meet the requirements of monitoring and managing the forest resource.</p> <p>The initial outputs of the system will be evaluated and sensitivity analysis will be completed during late 2005 to ensure that a robust and reliable understanding of sustainable yield is achieved. This evaluation will form a significant part of the consultation process on improvement to yield regulation in native forests managed by SFNSW.</p> <p>The approach will be discussed with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), PlanningNSW, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and stakeholders to develop a strategy for improving the yield prediction measures that were used in the Eden Comprehensive Regional Assessment/Regional Forest Assessment (CRA/RFA). Although predictive modelling used in the Eden region during the CRA/RFA was not the Forest Resource and Management System (FRAMES), improvements may be feasible in some cases by the direct application of enhancements developed for FRAMES in the North East and Southern regions.</p>
46(g)	NSW to grant an Integrated Forestry Operations Approval covering the Eden Region.	Within three months of signing	The Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA) for the Eden Region commenced on 1 January 2000.

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46(h)	NSW to develop and implement environmental management systems.	Within five years of signing	<p>Development of the NPWS environmental management system (EMS) is progressing. The EMS is intended to cover all areas of NPWS operations. A major component of the system will comprise the <i>State of the Parks</i> report. As part of the <i>State of the Parks</i>, trial and implementation of indicators to measure management effectiveness on a sample of parks throughout the State was undertaken during the year. At 30 June 2003, a framework for the expansion of the program was under development.</p> <p>SFNSW' Native Forest Management System (NFMS) was renamed the Native Forest Environmental Management System (NFEMS) to better highlight the intent of the system. Following a gap analysis and 'roll out' to SFNSW regions during 2001/2002, SFNSW has continued to develop the EMS to ISO 14001 standard. Once fully implemented the system will ensure management plans and processes are consistently applied across State forests, providing a framework for the achievement of ESFM, ensuring continuous improvement in the management of State forests. Completion of the EMS has taken longer than expected due to the size of the task.</p> <p>Development of an EMS for planted forests also continued throughout the year. This system is also being developed with the objective of obtaining ISO 14001 certification.</p> <p>SFNSW is working towards certification of a corporate EMS (ISO 14001) by early 2006 for both planted and native forests.</p>
49	NSW to report annually to Parliament on compliance with any <i>Integrated Forestry Operations Approval</i> for the Eden region and the New South Wales <i>Eden Forest Agreement</i> , and to furnish a copy to the Commonwealth.	Annually from 1999	<p>Annual reporting on compliance with the IFOA for the Eden region has been incorporated into the NSW forest agreement reports completed for each financial year (1 July to 30 June). [Refer also Att 5 Point 2 (i)].</p> <p>The report for 1999/2000 is complete and was tabled in the NSW State Parliament on 28 February 2002. The report for 2000/2001 is also complete and has been submitted for tabling. Completion of the reports for 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 is continuing.</p>

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation
52(d)	Both Parties to further develop, review, and if necessary revise Sustainability Indicators.	In time for the first five yearly review	<p>The sustainability indicators (ESFM criteria and indicators) referred to in clause 47 of the Eden RFA and described in Table 1 and Attachment 9 of the NSW <i>Forest Agreement for the Eden Region</i>, were developed consistent with the Montreal process criteria.</p> <p>The sustainability indicators for the Eden region have been monitored since 1999/2000. Results of monitoring sustainability indicators for the North East (Upper North East and Lower North East) and Eden regions are reported together for each financial year (1 July to 30 June) in the ESFM criteria and indicators monitoring reports. The reports for 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 have been completed. Reporting for 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 is nearing completion.</p> <p>A summary of the results of monitoring reported in the above reports is included in the NSW forest agreement reports described in clause 49 and Att 5 Point 2(i).</p> <p>Results of monitoring of the sustainability indicators over the first five years will feed into an evaluation of their appropriateness at the five yearly review.</p>
56	NSW to produce a code of practice for Timber Harvesting of native forest on Private Lands.	By the first five yearly review	<p>The Interim Best Operating Standards for Harvesting of Private Native Forestry, under <i>Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997</i> were released in June 2001. The Standards replace existing draft Best Management Principles and other standards used by vegetation officers. The Standards were prepared to guide forestry operations on private lands requiring consent.</p> <p>In April 2002, a Private Native Forestry Reference Group was established to examine the regulation of forestry on private lands and make recommendations for a workable exemption and consent framework. Recommendations were accepted by the State Government in September 2002. The Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) has since been progressively implementing the recommendations, including the development of a draft Exemption Operations Standard (for forest operations that may be undertaken without consent) and a Forest Operations Standard (to guide operations where consent is required).</p>
86	NSW to review legislation and policies relevant to the allocation and pricing of hardwood logs from State forests as part of the Competition Principles Agreement.	Before the end of 1999	<p>During 1999, in accordance with the scheduled review of SFNSW's log pricing policy, the final phase of amendments were made to the Log Value Pricing System to update assumptions within the residual value pricing model and remove anomalies. These amendments included the removal of the remaining 10% capping of price variations in relevant pricing zones. The log value pricing system was also expanded to include the linkage of small sawlog prices to quota sawlog prices. The main objective of the final stage of the implementation of Log Value Pricing was to create a closer consistency of hardwood sawlog prices with market value.</p> <p>The review document is to be finalised by the end of 2005.</p>

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87	NSW to establish a Research Liaison Committee and publish a list of research priorities.	Within 12 months of signing	<p>The Committee was formed in October 2000, and held its first meeting in November 2000. The Committee includes representatives from NPWS, Planning NSW and SFNSW. Representatives were to identify current research being undertaken by their agency and priorities for future research.</p> <p>Since then, Planning NSW has coordinated contributions from a range of land management agencies, research organisations and universities on current research being undertaken, future research priorities and published research related to forests. Information on current research and future research priorities will be compiled to create a list for inclusion in the compendium of forest research. At the end of 2002/2003, this work was continuing. [Refer clause 89].</p>
89	NSW to prepare a Compendium of New South Wales Forest Research.	By the first five yearly review	<p>Development of the Compendium continued throughout 2002/2003.</p> <p>[Refer clause 87]</p>
92 and 93	NSW and the Commonwealth to develop a data agreement and lodge archival copies of data.	Within six months of signing	<p>Data agreement for the Eden RFA contained at Attachment 13.</p> <p>A joint NSW/Australian Government archive was completed in July 2001.</p>
Att 1 Point 4	NSW to prepare plans of management for Crown Reserves.	1 January 2002	<p>During 2002/2003 the one Crown reserve managed by the NPWS in the Eden region was reclassified as a SCA [Yurramie SCA]. The reclassification of Crown reserves to SCAs avoids duplication of land use categories and solves some of the management anomalies that exist with Crown reserves and which affect the preparation of plans of management. The principal anomaly is that the legislation under which Crown reserves are established does not allow for the responsibility for the reserves (and therefore the plans of management) to rest with the NSW Minister for the Environment. The plan of management for Yurramie SCA is part of the South East Forests draft plan of management (yet to be publicly exhibited at 30 June 2003) and is included in the figures reported for clause 46(b).</p>
Att 1 Point 7	NSW to establish all Dedicated Reserve and Informal Reserve components of the CAR Reserve System.	Within six months of signing	<p>Dedicated – All national parks, nature reserves and flora reserves were created by the <i>Forestry and National Park Estate Act</i> assented on 14 December 1998.</p> <p>Informal – All FMZ 2 areas were established in the SFNSW GIS layers that were agreed to in 1999. Crown reserves were created by the <i>Forestry and National Park Estate Act</i>.</p>
Att 2 Table 1	NSW to develop Recovery Plans for species listed in Table 1.	Within five years of signing	<p>The preparation of recovery plans is being undertaken progressively. At 30 June 2003, preparation of 22 of the 24 recovery plans listed in the Eden RFA were underway. Five plans had been approved, five draft plans had been publicly exhibited, two draft plans had been completed, seven plans were in preparation, and three were at the initial planning stage. Preparation of the remaining two plans had not yet commenced.</p> <p><i>Note: 'complete' means the draft is complete and ready for public exhibition. Plans are not final until they have been approved by the NSW Minister for the Environment and may change in response to public submissions received during exhibition.</i></p>

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Att 3 Point 8	Both Parties to finalise Statewide Guidelines for the Management of Cultural Heritage Values and Places.	End of 1999	<p>Statewide Guidelines for the Management of Cultural Heritage Values and Places were contained in the reports entitled <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Generic Version</i>, <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Lower North East Region</i> and <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Southern Region</i>. These reports were developed by both Parties in the comprehensive regional assessment process by the Cultural Heritage Working Group.</p> <p>The Australian Government has reviewed the reports entitled <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Generic Version</i>, <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Lower North East Region</i> and <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Southern Region</i>. The guidelines for the different regions are sufficiently consistent to be considered statewide guidelines.</p> <p>Ongoing review of NPWS statewide guidelines is consistent with principles contained in the above reports.</p> <p>SFNSW heritage guidelines were developed with reference to the above reports and are attached to the Eden IFOA. The guidelines describe planning, operation, monitoring and review processes for managing cultural heritage.</p>
Att 5 Point 1(p)	NSW to publish a State of the Parks report.	April 2000	<p>The first <i>State of the Parks</i> report was released in November 2001. Completion of the report was deferred to 2001 as reflected in the North East RFA.</p> <p>The report provided an overview of the conservation values of NSW and their management within the parks system. This was supported by a series of 'case studies' for parks around the State.</p> <p><i>State of the Parks</i> is an ongoing program. During 2002/2003, this program included the trial and implementation of indicators of management effectiveness on a sample of parks throughout the State. A framework for the expansion of the program is under development.</p> <p>The next report is due for release in early 2005.</p>
Att 5 Point 2(b)	NSW to publish the document Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management for the Eden RFA Assessment.	Within six months of signing	Report is complete and available on request from Planning NSW.
Att 5 Point 2(c)	NSW to document the basis for silvicultural practices and publish silvicultural guidelines for commercial forest types.	31 March 2000	SFNSW published a <i>Native Forests Silviculture Manual</i> in 2000. The manual complements its field guides and training programs. The manual documents the basis for SFNSW's silvicultural practices.
Att 5 Point 2(d)	NSW to publish the results from the Yambulla and Tantawangalo Research Catchments.	By the year 2000	Studies were published in the <i>Forestry Ecology Management Journal 2001</i> . Data from these studies have been applied to further research.
Att 5 Point 2(e)	NSW to publish the results from the Eden Burning Study.	By the first five yearly review	The final draft of the Establishment Report is being peer reviewed for publication in the SFNSW Technical Paper series.

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Att 5 Point 2(f)	NSW to document and publish a description of the NSW Forest Management System covering Public and Private Lands.	In time for the first five yearly review	Approach is being developed. It will likely update the overviews of each of the NSW agencies that were contained in the Comprehensive Regional Assessment/Regional Forest Assessment (CRA/RFA) ESFM report entitled, <i>Description of Management Systems and Processes for Achieving Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management in NSW</i> .
Att 5 Point 2(g)	NSW to publish a description of the FRAMES system referred to in clause 46(f).	Within three months of signing	Completed and incorporated into the FRAMES technical report for the Eden region.
Att 5 Point 2 (h)	NSW to publish a description of the methods and results of calculating Sustainable Yield on Public Land.	By the first five yearly review	Milestone not yet due but is under development.
Att 5 Point 2 (h)	NSW to publish independent audits of Sustainable Yield as outlined in Attachment 11.	For the second and subsequent five yearly reviews	Milestone not required until the second five-yearly review.
Att 5 Point 2(i)	NSW to table in each House of Parliament an annual report on the New South Wales <i>Eden Region Forest Agreement</i> in accordance with the <i>Forestry and National Park Estate Act 1998</i> (NSW) which will include an ESFM report and the outcomes of compliance with any Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the region.	Annually from 1999	<p>Reporting for the NSW forest agreements provides progress on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Significant achievements made by participating NSW agencies. ▪ Achievement of milestones in the NSW forest agreements. ▪ Monitoring of ESFM criteria and indicators (sustainability indicators) by NPWS and SFNSW. ▪ Compliance with the IFOAs. <p>The report for 1999/2000 was tabled in the NSW State Parliament on 28 February 2002. The report for 2000/2001 had been submitted for tabling. The reports provided details on the implementation of the NSW forest agreements for the Upper North East, Lower North East and Eden regions.</p> <p>Reporting for 2001/2002 (covering the implementation of the NSW forest agreements for the Upper North East, Lower North East and Eden regions) is nearing completion. Reporting for 2002/2003 (covering the NSW forest agreements for the Upper North East, Lower North East, Eden and Southern regions) is also nearing completion. Delays in the completion of the reports have been experienced due to procedural difficulties, including significant departmental restructures following the March 2003 State election. Completion of the reports is continuing as a matter of priority.</p> <p>A supplementary report which provides details on the monitoring of the sustainability indicators contained in the NSW forest agreements for each region has also been completed for 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 for the North East (Upper North East and Lower North East) and Eden regions. Reporting for 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 is nearing completion. [Refer clause 52(d)]</p>

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Att 7 Point 12	NSW to incorporate codes of practice [<i>sic provisions</i>] that address bush and other fires within Regional ESFM Plans and plans of management for areas dedicated under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> (NSW).	By the first five yearly review	<p>Addressed through District Fire Committees under <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i> where consideration of these values is undertaken prior to finalisation of District Hazard Reduction Plans.</p> <p>Bushfire management is also addressed through NPWS plans of management. ESFM principles are also being incorporated into bushfire risk management plans.</p> <p>SFNSW has statutory obligations for fire management arising from the <i>Forestry Act 1916</i> and the <i>Rural Fires Act</i>. SFNSW is recognised as one of four fire authorities under the <i>Rural Fires Act</i>, is a member of the NSW Bush Fire Coordinating Committee, and is subject to the Coordinated Fire Management provisions of the <i>Rural Fires Act</i>.</p> <p>SFNSW Draft Corporate Fire Plan (to be completed in early 2006 with the finalisation of the EMS) and Regional Fire Plans are designed to dovetail into section 52 (<i>Rural Fires Act</i>) plans of operations and bush fire risk management plans to present a coordinated response to hazards and fires across the landscape by all fire authorities in NSW.</p> <p>The NSW approach to bush fire risk management planning essentially complies with the recommendations of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) process. It is based on a risk management process that is coordinated state wide via the Bush Fire Management Committees and the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee.</p>

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Att 7 Point 13	NSW to establish a process, including public reporting, for regular audits of compliance and reviews of Codes of Practice, Eco-field Guides and Regional Prescriptions.	December 2002	<p>An overview of SFNSW audit process was included in its draft NFMS Overview, publicly exhibited in 2000 (since re-named the NFEMS). The audit process has since been put in place following the implementation of its Operational Compliance Monitoring and Audit Manual. The final audit process will be included in the EMS when complete.</p> <p>SFNSW continues to publicly report, at a statewide level, compliance and monitoring results in its <i>Social, Economic and Environmental (SEEing)</i> report each year.</p> <p>The NPWS assesses compliance with the Threatened Species Licence in accordance comprehensive guidelines and procedures that were endorsed in March 2002. The guidelines and procedures were compiled into handbook form and are used across the NPWS to ensure a consistent approach to compliance monitoring and enforcement.</p> <p>The EPA has developed an active audit program of SFNSW' forestry operations to ensure that SFNSW is taking the required measures to protect the aquatic environment through responsible planning and operational activities. Non-compliance with conditions of the Environment Protection Licence are dealt with through meetings with senior SFNSW officers, issuing feedback or warning letters, clean-up notices, penalty notices or prosecution actions as appropriate at the circumstances.</p> <p>NSW Fisheries carry out opportunistic threatened species compliance activities in relation to forestry operations where they coincide with other fishery compliance duties and investigate complaints when received.</p> <p>Public reporting of compliance audits is provided in the reports for the NSW forest agreements described under clause 49.</p>

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Att 7 Point 13	NSW to undertake audits as described above.	By the first and subsequent five yearly reviews of the Agreement	<p>During 2002/2003, the NPWS did not receive any complaints from the public concerning alleged breaches of the Threatened Species Licence for the Eden region. The NPWS undertook one proactive audit during the year of the Threatened Species Licence. At 30 June 2003, investigation of possible contraventions of the Threatened Species Licence was continuing.</p> <p>The EPA conducted two operational and planning audits on SFNSW forestry operations during 2002/2003 to assess compliance with the Environmental Protection Licence. Results of the audits identified 24 breaches of the Licence. Three breaches related to non-compliance with planning requirements including a lack of site specific planning and inaccurate or incomplete planning documentation. Nine operational breaches were identified for forestry activities relating to trees intentionally felled into filter strips and ineffective drainage on snig tracks. Twelve breaches related to non-compliance with operational conditions for roads related mostly to the potential for water flow along roads exceeding distances specified in the Licence. The EPA subsequently provided feedback to SFNSW and issued warning letters regarding non-compliance with the Environment Protection Licence. Remedial works were also required to be undertaken by SFNSW on two occasions.</p> <p>NSW Fisheries report there were no known contraventions of the Fisheries Licence for the Eden region during 2002/2003. At 30 June 2002 there were no threatened fish species likely to be harmed by forestry operations in the region.</p> <p>SFNSW undertake internal monitoring on its compliance with the conditions of the IFOAs. These audits are undertaken independently of those undertaken by the NPWS, EPA and NSW Fisheries. Internal auditing of major harvest contractor/operations (tier – 1- 4) by SFNSW allows the identification of possible breaches of the conditions of the IFOAs and where better management/processes need to be implemented. During 2002/2003, SFNSW identified 248 incidents of non-compliance (or 0.65% non-compliance rate). The total number of incidents recorded fell by about 44% compared to 2001/2002. Most of the incidents recorded were related to soil and water quality (78%), and flora and fauna (21%). No incidents related to fish habitat and passage were recorded, and less than 1% of incidents were related to other issues such as safety.</p>
Att 11 Point 1	The Parties to commission, complete and publish a review of the systems and processes used, and the Sustainable Yield calculated from Public Land as a result of the New South Wales review of Sustainable Yield described in clause 46(f).	By the first five yearly review	Refer clause 46(f).

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Att 11 Point 2	NSW to undertake, complete and publish independent audits of Sustainable Yield.	In time for the second and subsequent five yearly review	Milestone not required until the second five-yearly review. However, the approach to complete this milestone is being considered.
Att 11 Point 5	NSW to establish a continuous FRAMES development program for the Eden region consistent with the Statewide FRAMES.	By the first five-yearly review	Refer clause 46(f).

Acronyms

CAR reserve system	Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative reserve system
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CRA/RFA	Comprehensive Regional Assessment/Regional Forest Assessment
DLWC	Department of Land and Water Conservation
EMS	Environmental Management System
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
ESFM	Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management
FMZ	Forest Management Zone
FRAMES	Forest Resource and Management System
GIS	Geographic Information System
IFOA	Integrated Forestry Operations Approval
NFEMS	Native Forest Environmental Management System
NFMS	Native Forest Management System
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service
RFA	Regional Forest Agreement
SCA	State Conservation Area
SEFA	South East Forest Agreement
SFNSW	State Forests of New South Wales