

THE RFA AT A GLANCE

A long term agreement to ensure the sustainable management of Tasmania's forests

- 20 year Agreement with five-yearly reviews.
- Key elements are legally binding.
- More jobs and better conservation.
- World class forest reserve system.
- Maintains Tasmania's commitment to 300,000 cubic metres of sawlogs per annum
- New plantations and intensive management program will more than replace timber from areas placed in reserves.
- Removal of Commonwealth controls on woodchip exports.
- Improved systems of sustainable forest management in Tasmania.

Certainty and security for further industry development to create new employment.

- Commonwealth to provide \$110 million to support implementation of the RFA and Tasmania to contribute from ongoing programs.
- An immediate boost to employment in Tasmania through the \$70 million plantation, intensive forest management and industry development program.
- \$10 million to fund a range of infrastructure initiatives, including \$3 million for visitor centres to promote tourism development.

- Substantial investment program in the intensive management of the public forest estate through thinning and plantation development on suitable areas. This will maintain current eucalypt wood supply to industry and increase sustainable yield.
- Support for the ongoing implementation of employment and industry aspects of the Forests and Forest Industry Strategy, including a strong focus on specialty timbers.
- Tourism developments, including two new interpretation centres.
- Infrastructure projects including roadworks.
- Certainty of access for minerals industry investment.

Major enhancements to Tasmania's existing reserve system to establish a CAR reserve system that is world class.

- The CAR Reserve System meets the JANIS reserve criteria as far as practicable on public land.
- Additional 396,000 hectares of public land to be included in CAR reserves, an increase of 17 per cent. This brings the total reserve system to 2.7 million hectares, or 40 per cent of Tasmania's total land area.
- New areas of national parks and state reserves include Savage River, Friendly Beaches and Tasman.
- Beech Creek, Blakes Opening and some other areas adjacent to the existing World Heritage Area will be added to Tasmania's current national parks and will be available for inclusion in the World Heritage Area.
- 95 per cent of high quality wilderness areas is included in the CAR Reserve System.
- The State and Commonwealth governments have agreed the reserve classification for 240,000 hectares of the new formal reserves. The

Public Land Use Commission will make recommendations for the remaining areas, particularly in relation to recreational use.

- Creation of the Western Tiers Conservation Area will provide greater protection for conservation values while allowing recreational activities to continue.
- A program of voluntary agreements with landowners to secure areas of private forest in the CAR Reserve System using a variety of approaches, including stewardship agreements. The program will be managed by the Tasmanian Department of Environment and Land Management.

Consultation

- Tasmania will conduct ongoing consultation during the implementation stage with stakeholder groups, including the Aboriginal community and local community groups.