

Permanent Native Forest Policy

Sustainable Timber Tasmania is responsible for land management and wood production in Tasmania's Permanent Timber Production Zone. Sustainable Timber Tasmania recognises the importance of maintaining Tasmania's native forests as a resource for their conservation, production and social values and is committed to maintaining native forest across Permanent Timber Production Zone (PTPZ) land.

Under this policy Sustainable Timber Tasmania will:

- **Regenerate** all harvested native forest in a timely manner;
- Re-establish all harvested plantation coupes to plantation except where areas are deemed unsuitable for such use;
- Revert areas unsuitable for plantation re-establishment back to their pre-existing vegetation type or native vegetation;
- **Not clear or convert** native forest except for:
 - a) minor re-alignment of boundaries of existing plantations;
 - b) construction of roads or other minor forest management infrastructure;
 - c) property management consistent with Sustainable Timber Tasmania's Strategic Objectives;
 - d) the provision and maintenance of utilities and infrastructure; or
 - e) where otherwise required by legislation or regulation.

Where conversion is undertaken by Sustainable Timber Tasmania, it must:

- a) not materially threaten High Conservation Values or Significant Biodiversity Values
 - b) comply with the *Tasmanian Government Policy for Maintaining a Permanent Native Forest Estate and Forest Practices Act 1985*; and
 - c) be approved by the General Manager Land Management if undertaken for purposes of plantation boundary re-alignment, property management or utilities and infrastructure.
- **Seek to minimise** conversion in situations where other parties have legislative power to clear or convert native forest on Sustainable Timber Tasmania managed land;
 - **Monitor** and report on the implementation of this policy;
 - **Not trade** in products arising from the conversion of native forest on land that it does not manage.



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