



Forestry Tasmania

Aboriginal Access to Traditional Materials Policy

Forestry Tasmania is responsible for land management and wood production in Tasmania's Permanent Timber Production Zone.

Forestry Tasmania (FT) recognises the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as traditional custodians of the land and the significance of heritage, including places, objects and stories, for maintaining continuous links with the land.

FT aims to foster positive and respectful relationships with the local Aboriginal people, and to explore and promote opportunities for Aboriginal people to maintain their link with Permanent Timber Production Zone (PTPZ) land, where they desire to do so. FT will therefore continue to provide both access to land and materials for Aboriginal people where safety and environmental limitations allow.

Under this policy, Forestry Tasmania will:

- Proactively respond to requests from Aboriginal people for access to land and traditional materials
- Work with Aboriginal people to identify areas within the PTPZ that are suitable for collection of traditional materials or use
- Collaborate with Aboriginal people in the collection of materials to educate FT staff about traditional materials and to ensure a safe environment for all on PTPZ land by compliance with visitor safety and environmental procedures
- Provide key contact points within Forestry Tasmania to facilitate the process.

Traditional materials may include but is not limited to the following:

- Bark
- Wood for spears, clap sticks
- Basket weaving material
- Ochre
- Stones

The commercial or large scale removal of material from PTPZ land may require a more formal activity assessment to be conducted prior to commencement. This will be facilitated by FT.

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