

Forest Management System – Summary Audit Report			
Client name:	Forest Products Commission	Certificate #:	AFS 709544
Client address	3 Baron-Hay Court Kensington WA 6151	Website:	fpc.wa.gov.au
Audit type:	Special Assessment – Mine sites	Audit date/s:	09.01.20 – 06.03.20
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This document provides a summary of the findings contained in a report to this client with respect to the implementation of the client's management system as determined during an audit conducted by BSI.			

Scope of certification:

The processes involved in the management of native forests and plantations in Western Australia including: the planning and supervision of harvesting operations; the transport, processing and sale of forest products; the development and maintenance of associated infrastructure; and post-harvest re-establishment activities.

Executive summary:

This report presents the findings of a special assessment commissioned by the WA Forest Products Commission. The assessment was undertaken by BSI in February 2020. The aim of the assessment was initially to verify that the salvage operations undertaken prior to the commencement of Alcoa's bauxite mining activities were consistent with the requirements of AS4708, the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management (the Standard).

The assessment involved an inspection of a range of associated activities including pre-mining salvage sites; mine sites about to commence rehabilitation; and a range of sites in varying stages of rehabilitation from re-shaping the landscape and then from 5 to 20 years after rehabilitation. The assessment also included direct engagement with the regulator (DBCA); Alcoa and a key stakeholder representative.

The assessment has determined that the pre-mining salvage and subsequent rehabilitation activities are being conducted in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Standard.

BSI has identified some deficiencies with the current arrangements, particularly in relation to the timeliness of the update of maps and the subsequent return of rehabilitated areas to the Defined Forest Area once the rehabilitation is underway.

Defined forest area statement**The DFA incorporates the following FMUs:**

The DFA comprises 5 forest management units located in the south-west of Western Australia: these are described as Northern jarrah; Southern jarrah; Karri forests; Softwood plantations; and Mixed eucalypt plantations.

Defined forest area (in hectares):

1,220,371 ha

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