

The Forest Products Commission (FPC) acknowledges the significant impact of climate change on forestry resources and is committed to ensuring sustainable management through the implementation of environmentally sound forestry management and adaptation practices.

This policy recognises that forestry can play a significant role in mitigating climate change through expanding the storage of carbon within and outside the forest, and through providing an alternative product to non-renewable energy and energy-intensive materials.

Under this policy the FPC will develop a climate change adaptation plan that:

- Reflects the National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy.
- Contributes to the State Government's Climate Policy and target of net zero emissions by 2050.
- Defines FPCs contribution to each of the WA Climate Policy priority themes. These include:
 - Clean manufacturing and future industries
 - Transforming energy generation and use
 - Storing carbon and caring for our landscapes
 - Lower-carbon transport
 - Resilient cities and regions
 - Government leadership

The FPC will leverage our knowledge and experience in enhancing our carbon sinks and minimising our carbon footprint on the environment by:

- Leading programs for the reestablishment and expansion of WA's softwood plantation estate.
- Assisting private landholders with establishing carbon farming projects, understanding carbon accounting principles and registering projects under the Federal Government's Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF).

- Supporting job creation, economic diversification, Aboriginal employment and biodiversity outcomes through:
 - thinning regrowth jarrah and karri forests to promote forest and groundwater health and assist with bushfire prevention.
 - sandalwood-woodland regeneration projects on pastoral leases and Native Title lands.
- Developing bioenergy markets through uptake of residues from ecological forest thinning to improve forest resilience to climate change and bushfire.
- Promoting timber in construction as an alternative material that uses less energy to produce.
- Contributing to lower carbon transport by transitioning our fleet vehicles to more efficient, fit for purpose vehicles as they become available.
- Promoting and encouraging our service providers to uptake lower emission vehicles, fuels, transport technologies and other goods and services.
- Continuing to support WA's bushfire response through resourcing, collaboration and coordination with other Government Departments.
- Preparing an FPC Emissions Reduction Plan, calculating the FPCs baseline carbon emissions for 2020, setting progressive emission reduction targets, and implementing accounting systems for reporting emissions.



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