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VicForests' Timber Plans Approved

VicForests has today released the amended Timber Release Plan (TRP) and Timber Utilisation Plan (TUP) following the completion of its consultation period.

VicForests Chief Executive Officer Monique Dawson said the gazetted plans provide industry with certainty, and helps communities to understand where timber harvesting may take place.

“These plans are about giving businesses and communities greater certainty and clarity.”

VicForests harvests under strict regulation, controlled by the Government’s Code of Practice and Management Standards and Procedures and overseen by the Conservation Regulator.

The Timber Release Plan operates almost entirely within the Government’s Allocation Order 2019, which is the area that the Government provides to VicForests for potential harvesting.

As with previous years, the plan includes areas outside of the Allocation Order area, which may be used to undertake activities such as regeneration of previously cleared areas, roading and access works, or where part of a timber coupe is outside of the allocation order boundary.

A separate Timber Utilisation Plan (TUP) applies to areas predominantly west of the Hume Highway – mostly for very small scale “community forestry” and firewood operations.

A schedule of the approved timber harvesting areas and location maps are available on the VicForests website at [TRP](#) or [TUP](#).

A list of the areas outside of the allocation order is also available on the [VicForests website](#).