

Forest Management Plans

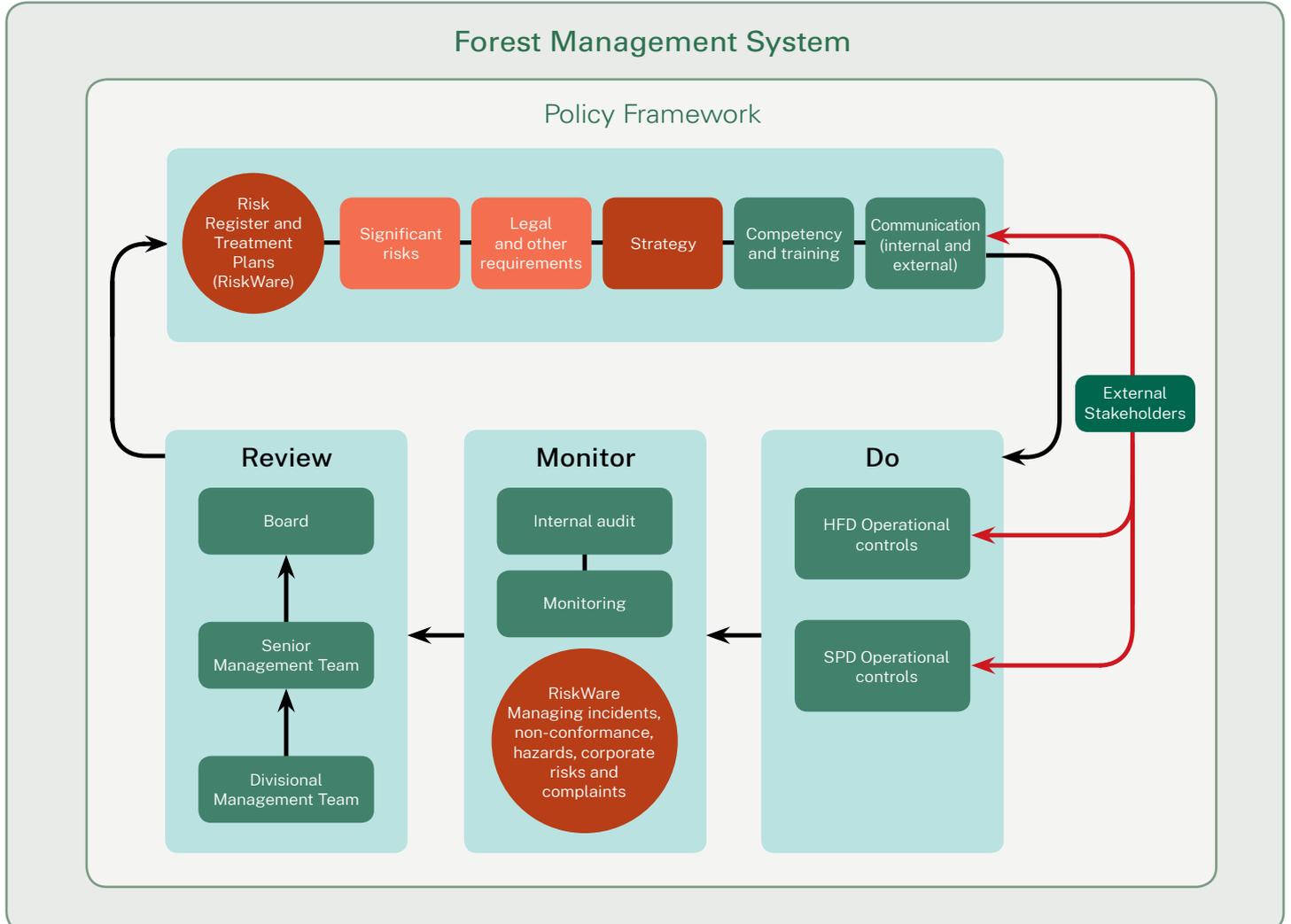
Forestry Corporation has been appointed to manage two million hectares of State forests in NSW for multiple uses, including environmental conservation, tourism and recreation, and renewable timber production. Forest management plans summarise Forestry Corporation's activities as well as the systems, processes and procedures we maintain that ensure we continue to manage forests sustainably.

Our forest management plans are underpinned by a range of detailed systems, processes, policies and procedures that guide and monitor our day-to-day activities, work health and safety management system, risk management system, operational manuals and codes of practice and standard operating procedures.

The forest management plans provide a high-level summary of these detailed primary documents and describe our commitment to sustainable forest management through a focus on compliance with Government policy and regulations, the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management – Responsible Wood, and continuous improvement.

Continuous improvement

Forestry Corporation is committed to continuous improvement in forest management. Our forest management plans describe this commitment to planning, monitoring and adapting our activities in response to new information so that we continually improve our practices, processes and outcomes in the forest.



Changes since the last update

Forest management plans are reviewed every five years. The forest management plans are not the primary document for guiding Forestry Corporation’s processes and practices and, as the plan describes, our forest management system is built on continuous improvement and updates. The forest management plan is not updated every time the underpinning policies, manuals, procedures and other documents that are relied upon in day-to-day operations are reviewed.

Key changes that have been made to the forest management plans since the last update include:

- Alignment with regulatory changes made by Governments since the last plan, including:
 - » renewal of Regional Forest Agreements
 - » transition to the current native forestry regulations – the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval
 - » amendments to the *Forestry Act 2012* to allow for potential renewable energy production within softwood plantations.
- Revisions to reflect the impact of the 2019-20 fires and recovery.
- Changes to presentation to streamline and reduce duplication by creating a three-part plan. Common information that applies across all forests managed by Forestry Corporation summarised in part one and specific information relevant to the different forest types summarised in parts two and three. It is intended that forest management plans for Cumberland State Forest and western hardwood forests will be incorporated into this suite in future.

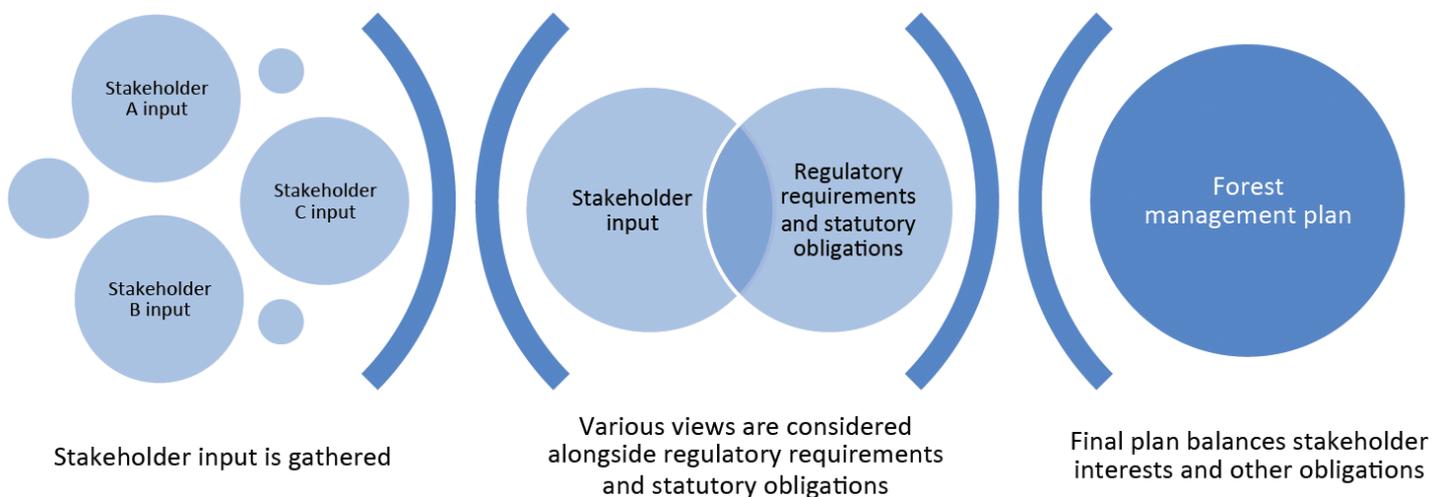
It is noted that the *Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999* and *Plantations and Reafforestation (Code) Regulation 2001* are currently under review by the NSW Government and the outcome of that review will be considered when it is complete. Revisions to the forest management plan may be made outside the normal five-year review cycle if there is a significant chance that requires review.

Community and stakeholder input

We invite input into these plans from all interested stakeholders, including communities, neighbours, organisations, industry representatives, customers and contractors. Improvements that have been made to these plans in response to community and stakeholder feedback include:

- Clarifying how the forest management plans fit within the Government’s policy and regulatory framework and underpin our commitment to compliance and continuous improvement.
- Simplifying the plans to summarise the key aspects of ecologically sustainable forest management, with reference to other relevant documents.
- Highlighting key reports that publish regular data on the commitments summarised in the forest management plans.

Any submissions we receive will be considered by our Forest Management System Specialists and balanced with our regulatory and certification requirements in finalising the plans. We will share details about feedback we receive and how it has been considered.



Engaging communities in forest management and planning in NSW

Forest management plans are summary documents and do not replace the detail in other existing systems, policies, operational manuals and codes or standard operating procedures. The forest management plans summarise operations in the context of the existing Government policy and regulations and the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management – Responsible Wood. Community members have a range of additional opportunities to engage with relevant decision-makers on forestry policy and regulations in NSW.

How to make a submission

Submissions are invited until 30 June 2022. Please visit www.forestrycorporation.com.au to review the plan. If you are unable to access the internet, please call **02 9872 0111** and we can arrange to mail you a copy or make an appointment for you to view a copy at your closest Forestry Corporation office.

To make a submission, complete the online form at www.forestrycorporation.com.au or send it to Forestry Corporation using the details below.

Email: info@fcnsw.com.au

Mail: **Forest Management Systems Specialist**
Forestry Corporation of NSW
 PO Box 100
 BEECROFT NSW 2119

Further questions

We invite the community to speak with us to ask any questions about our forest management plan and the process of making a submission. Please visit www.forestrycorporation.com.au request a discussion with our Forest Management System team.

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Regional Forest Agreements

Bi-lateral Commonwealth/ State agreements that:

- Identify at a landscape scale areas to be managed for conservation and areas available for timber production
- Provide for native forests to be regulated by State regulations
- Include detailed and ongoing reporting and monitoring requirements.

Reviewed every five years with community input led by Commonwealth and State Governments.

Regulatory frameworks and independent certification

Forestry operations and land management are regulated by a range of State and Commonwealth legislation and regulations that set detailed conditions that activities must comply with. Forestry Corporation is also independently certified to the Australian Standard for Sustainable Forest Management, Responsible Wood.

Regulations and standards are reviewed periodically with community input led by relevant departments, agencies or bodies.

Forest Management Plan

Summarises Forestry Corporation's systems and processes, developed to comply with the Regional Forest Agreements, relevant regulatory frameworks and certification requirements.

Reviewed every five years with community input led by Forestry Corporation.

Operational plans

Developed for each individual operation in line with relevant regulatory frameworks. Input from local communities invited.

Community partnerships

Collaborative engagement with community groups to develop and maintain partnerships.

Feedback and complaints

Ongoing opportunities for communities to provide feedback and make complaints regarding activities.



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