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1. OVERVIEW

Individuals and groups who are interested in, affect or are affected by the Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) forest management activities are our stakeholders. As the manager of NSW State forests, FCNSW is committed to engaging with stakeholders. This policy outlines the organisation's commitment to stakeholder engagement and the framework within which it will take place.

2. SCOPE

This policy covers FCNSW engagement with stakeholders about all forest management related operations and activities. Stakeholders include, but are not limited to, neighbours, local communities, customers, contractors, forest users, regulators, other government agencies, industry and employee groups, Aboriginal groups and non-government organisations.

3. POLICY PRINCIPLES

The principles that underpin FCNSW stakeholder engagement activities are:

- 3.1 striving to build constructive relationships with stakeholders;
- 3.2 acknowledging that stakeholders' perspectives and expertise can make a positive contribution to forest management;
- 3.3 establishing, implementing and maintaining processes for facilitating effective, culturally appropriate, meaningful and timely stakeholder engagement;
- 3.4 understanding what is important and of interest to our stakeholders; and
- 3.5 recognizing the different needs of affected and interested stakeholders, and balancing the needs and expectations of stakeholders, our compliance obligations sustainability requirements.

4. POLICY ACTIONS

- 4.1 FCNSW will identify relevant stakeholders and evaluate which activities are likely to directly impact stakeholders and how and identify their relevant needs and expectations.
- 4.2 FCNSW will engage on issues and activities within its span of control.
FCNSW will use engagement methods suitable to the issue and the stakeholder including processes to engage with Aboriginal stakeholders.
- 4.3 FCNSW will make information available to relevant stakeholders on our policies, strategic plans and forest management activities. This information will be consistent with the forest management system.
- 4.4 FCNSW will encourage and facilitate feedback from stakeholders in the development of strategic forest management plans which summarise the forest management system.
- 4.5 FCNSW will consider incorporating as appropriate stakeholder feedback into the forest management system.
- 4.6 FCNSW will develop strategies for engagement with specific stakeholder groups or around specific issues of interest to stakeholders when appropriate.

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4.7 FCNSW will ensure stakeholder engagement is part of the operational processes and procedures for documentation of communications with stakeholders are in place and maintained.

4.8 FCNSW will provide a process for dealing with stakeholder complaints.

5. RELATED LEGISLATION

- *Forestry Act 2012*
- *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW)*

6. REALTED POLICIES

- Forest Management Policy

7. RELATED DELEGATIONS

- Nil

8. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Australian Forestry Standard
- Forest Management Plans
- Procedure for Managing Complaints

9. REVISION HISTORY

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1	P2011/05	19/10/11
2	P2013/10	20/12/13
3	P2014/11	9/10/14
4	P2018/12	10/06/2018
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10. DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

As required

11. CONTACT OFFICER

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