

The Executive



**Dr Paul Biggs,
General Manager**

Paul Biggs holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Forestry

and a PhD in Forestry from Melbourne University. He has a strong technical background in forest measurement and has been recognised for scientific writing with awards from the American Society of Photogrammetry and the Institute of Foresters of Australia. He worked in a range of senior positions with the Department of Conservation and Land Management (DCLM) and has been a Policy Adviser to previous ministers for the Environment and Forest Products.

The Commission Executive, headed by Dr Paul Biggs, takes responsibility for the Native Forest Operations, Plantation Operations and Business Development and Services divisions.



**Jon Murch,
Executive
Manager Native
Forest
Operations**

Jon Murch has been involved in the management of forest resources in Western Australia for nearly 30 years and has specialist experience in managing native forest and plantation contracts and the selling of timber products. Before being appointed to his current position, he was the Manager for Forest Resources with DCLM. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Forestry, specialising in harvest management and the selection of harvesting systems.



**Gary Downes,
Executive Manager
Business
Development and
Services**

Gary Downes has occupied the position of Chief Financial Officer for a number of boards of management and has extensive executive experience in business analysis, information technology, legal issues, strategic positioning and company secretarial matters. He holds a Bachelor of Business degree, is a Fellow of CPA Australia and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He was Deputy Chair of Uniting Church Homes and Chair of the Board's Finance and Audit Committee.



**Gavin Butcher,
Executive
Manager
Plantation
Operations**

Gavin Butcher has a career spanning more than 20 years in plantation and native forest management and has particular strengths in the strategic, analytical and financial fields of forestry management. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and has also lectured part-time at Edith Cowan University. His previous position was Plantations Group Manager with DCLM.



**John Kime,
Executive
Officer**

John Kime has over 30 years experience in senior government positions. He has worked in the Water Corporation and as a Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff for a period of eight years.

