

Scope of environmental management system certification

The Forest Products Commission (FPC) was established in 2000. We are a Western Australian Statutory Authority responsible for the sustainable management and development of WA's forest products industry. Our functions were separated from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to achieve greater transparency in the management of land and the regulation of timber production. We are governed by the *Forest Products Act 2000* and sections of the *Forest Management Regulations 1993*. We work with the DBCA in planning, harvesting and regeneration activities to optimise forest values and our relationship is formalised by a memorandum of understanding.

The scope of the FPC's Environmental Management System (EMS) includes the processes involved in the planning and management of harvesting operations, post-harvest re-establishment activities and the transport and sale (nationally and internationally) of forest products associated with plantations, native forests and sandalwood. It also includes the development and maintenance of associated infrastructure.

The scope also includes all activities, products and services associated with the FPC's operational areas and work sites for which the FPC has direct operational control or influence over. The FPC engages contractors to complete various activities throughout the business e.g. harvesting and roading operations. As the FPC is a Government Trading Enterprise and is bound to use government Common Use Agreements where applicable for procurement.

The FPC employs staff throughout the South West, Goldfields-Esperance, Gascoyne and Perth regions of Western Australia.

The FPC's office locations include:

- Kensington
- Albany
- Bunbury
- Carnarvon
- Esperance
- Harvey
- Kalgoorlie
- Manjimup
- Nannup





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The physical boundaries of the FPC's EMS include:

- West Manjimup Nursery and Seed;
- Areas of forest available for timber harvesting under the Conservation and Parks Commission's Forest Management Plan 2014-2023;
- Plantation areas managed by the FPC under *Profit-a-Prendre* agreements with private landowners. This includes sandalwood plantations;
- Wild sandalwood on pastoral leases and unallocated crown land available for harvest under commercial purposes sandalwood licenses issued by the DBCA;
- Private property held by the Department of Water within the Wellington dam catchment planted with exotic eucalypts which are proposed for conversion to pine plantations;
- Plantations the FPC manages, but has no timber harvest rights to; and
- Salvage of timber on mine sites.

The FPC's EMS also includes the following of which the FPC has some influence over, but not direct operational control:

- Maintenance of firebreaks on sharefarms;
- Prescribed burning for reestablishment operations and for protection of forest values (note the FPC funds prescribed burning for both regeneration and protection of a range of values and assets including life and property).