

## Planning Scheme Policy 11 Forest Practice

### 1.1 Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this Planning Scheme Policy is to outline the requirements for a Forest Management Plan for proposed Forest Practice uses in the Rural and Rural Residential Zones.

### 1.2 Information Requirements

#### Forest Practice Management Plan

A Forest Practice Management Plan is used to indicate the existing environmental values of the property, the scale of forestry operations to be undertaken and the proposed measures to mitigate impacts on the amenity values of surrounding areas. A Forest Practice Management Plan is to include the following information:

- (a) real property description (including lot, survey plan number and street address);
- (b) area of the property in hectares and dimensions of the site;
- (c) present zoning;
- (d) present and previous use of the property and existing uses on adjoining sites;
- (e) a description of the environmental features of the property including waterways and the area of existing native vegetation and the intention for its management;
- (f) any species identified on the property that are listed under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* or the *(Commonwealth) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*;
- (g) species of trees existing on the property and proposed species to be planted/harvested;
- (h) size and location/s of forestry activities on the property, including identification of any planned stages of forestry establishment;
- (i) harvest cycle and regime, including proposed harvesting levels;
- (j) rehabilitation/regeneration measures, including species to be replanted;
- (k) nature of harvesting of tree products other than timber;
- (l) treatment of constrained land adjacent to watercourses and steep land;
- (m) location and width of access tracks and roads.

**Note:** vehicle access and on-site manoeuvring is to be adequate for the type and volume of traffic to be generated, should not create or worsen any significant traffic hazard, and does not affect the amenity of the local area;

- (n) haulage methods, including provisions for wet weather and travel along unsealed roads;
- (o) any other work to be conducted on the site; and
- (p) a site plan with the following diagrammatic information identified, with an appropriate legend:
  - (i) forest area (indicate whether existing or proposed);
  - (ii) special vegetation;
  - (iii) natural gully or drainage line/s;
  - (iv) contours at 5.0 metre intervals;
  - (v) dam/water reservoir/s;
  - (vi) ridgeline/s;
  - (vii) roads (including internal access tracks);
  - (viii) building structures (including buffers from dwelling houses as outlined in the Agriculture and Forest Practice Use Code);
  - (ix) riparian areas;
  - (x) location of firebreaks (including cleared areas and/or areas with fire retardant species); and
  - (xi) easements.