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Front and back cover photo:
Proposed Margaret River National Park

THE REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT DELIVERS BALANCE

The Regional Forest Agreement delivers balance, certainty and sustainability for our South West forests.

Western Australia will have a world class forest reserve system that meets or exceeds national targets for the protection of biodiversity and old growth.

At the same time, our forest-based industries will have all the certainty and support they need to adopt world's best practice and do more with less.



The RFA at a glance:

- ✿ Increase in formal conservation reserves of 150 885 hectares. This means the total area protected in reserves in the South West forest region has increased by 12 per cent to 1 047 200 hectares.
- ✿ Creation of 12 new national parks, with 25 additions to existing national parks.
- ✿ Protection of 232 800 hectares of old growth—an increase of 45 700 hectares. This means 67 per cent of all old growth will be protected in the national forest reserve system (71 per cent if informal reserves are included).
- ✿ In ecosystems where old growth is rare or depleted, 100 per cent will be reserved on public land where possible.
- ✿ Western Australia's forests will be managed in an ecologically sustainable way according to International Standards.

*Additions to Mt Frankland, Mt Lindesay, and Mt Roe National Parks
View of forests north of Mt Frankland*



Red-tailed black cockatoo



Woylie



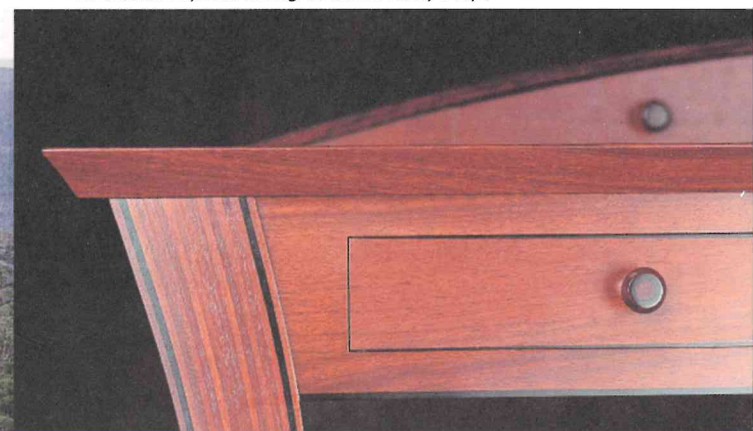
Donkey orchid

- ✿ The annual contracted level of jarrah sawlog cut will reduce from around 482 000 cubic metres at present to 286 000 cubic metres from 2004. As agreed with industry, the average annual jarrah sawlog cut to 2003 will be 324 000 cubic metres.
- ✿ The annual level of karri sawlog cut will reduce from around 203 000 cubic metres at present to 178 000 cubic metres from 2004. Average annual harvesting to 2003 will be 186 000 cubic metres.
- ✿ A \$41.5 million industry development package devised to help the timber industry do more with less and attract new investment in value adding. This includes low cost loans to install equipment and new technology, to expand local manufacturing, and provide assistance with marketing; money for retraining and redeployment packages; and money for business exit and contract buy-back support.

*Adding value
Fine detail of jarrah writing desk with ebony inlays*



Proposed Hawke National Park near Pemberton



❁ A \$17.5 million injection of funds for new tourism facilities throughout the region. This includes three new forest eco-lodges, camping and chalet sites, a scenic drive around Pemberton, tourism roads near Nannup, purchase of land around Wellington Dam, and recreation and tourism facilities in the Donnelly River valley and at Wellington Dam.



Numbat

Proposed Wellington National Park

Mixed jarrah, blackbutt and flooded gum forest along Wellington Dam

