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Welcome to the first issue of the FMP 2024-2033 eNewsletter

Planning is underway for the next *Forest Management Plan 2024-2033*. A forest management plan is a 10-year plan developed in consultation with the community covering lands vested in the <u>Conservation and Parks Commission</u> within the State's south-west forests.

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The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Western Australia and respects the continuing connection and importance of forests to their cultural, physical and spiritual health.

Planning is underway for the next forest management plan

The current Forest Management Plan (<u>FMP 2014-2023</u>) will end on 31 December 2023, and the next plan (FMP 2024-2033) is expected to commence on 1 January 2024.

Under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act), management plans have a maximum term of 10-years.

The forest management plan covers approximately 2.5 million hectares from Lancelin north of Perth to Denmark on the south coast and provides the overall policy framework for protecting and managing public forests in our south-west.

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Map of the forest management plan area

The plan sets out management activities and accommodates multiple values and uses which provides for a balanced delivery of tourism, recreation, biodiversity, conservation and forest-based industry outcomes including water production, apiary and sustainable use of forest products.

Preparation of the FMP 2024-2033 by the <u>Conservation and Parks Commission</u> (through DBCA) is underway, with consultation commencing in December 2021. We have already met with some key stakeholder groups who provided lots of information about our south-west forests, to help inform the development of FMP 2024-2033.

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While we prepare the draft plan, we'll be engaging stakeholders at different stages to share information and ask for input, suggestions and feedback. We will do this through a variety of ways, including face-to-face and/or online workshops, as well as other opportunities such as targeted online surveys.

We're planning to release a draft plan for public comment between October and December 2022.

Right Stringybark (*Eucalyptus distuberosa*). *Photo-*



FMP 2024-2033 Development Process



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If you know of an organisation, group or individual who should be on our mailing list, please invite them to *complete this online form* to send us their contact details.

More information

To keep you updated on the ways you can get involved and have your say, we'll be sending monthly eNewsletters throughout the planning process for FMP 2024-2033.

You can <u>visit our website</u> to learn more about the forest management plan. As work progresses, we'll update the website with more information and



resources, including frequently asked questions and fact sheets. We'll also be sharing key milestones on the WA Parks and Wildlife Service social media channels including <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

If you have any questions about the forest management plan, please email the team at forest.info@dbca.wa.gov.au

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