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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.

In particular, DBCA acknowledges the Noongar people as the traditional owners and native title holders within the Forest Management Plan area in the south-west of Western Australia and respects the continuing connection and importance of forests to their cultural, physical and spiritual health.

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is now open for comment

The *Draft Forest Management Plan* 2024-2033 has been released for a two-month public comment period.

The draft plan gives effect to the WA Government decision to end large-scale commercial logging of our native forests from 2024.

We invite you to comment on the draft plan. Your considered feedback may inform development of the final plan.

The public comment period is open until 11:59pm Sunday 18 December 2022.



Draft
Forest Management Plan 2024–2033
October 2022



To read the draft plan and view information about how to comment including the submission criteria, online submission form, fact sheets and frequently asked questions, visit the FMP webpage at <a href="https://docs.ncb/

Following the public comment period, a summary of submissions will be published on the FMP webpage.

Incorporating Noongar artwork

The Forest Management Plan 2024-2033 features a unique artwork by Noongar artist Linda Lee Loo (Linlelu Arts) representing Western Australia's south-west.

The original artwork titled Noongar Seasons, was commissioned by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions specifically for use in the plan. A full version of the artwork is included in the plan, and elements of Linda's artwork



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The artwork is layered with rich meaning and symbolism reflecting Noongar culture and connection to south-west forests.

Linda is a Noongar woman born in Corrigin and is connected to the Balladong and Whadjuk clans of the Noongar Nation. Her style of art is contemporary based on her life experiences and Aboriginal icons. Linda is a self-taught artist and began painting at the age of 37, as part of a journey to self-healing.

To see more of Linda's art, visit her website at linleluarts.com.au

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What is the forest management plan?

A forest management plan outlines the approach to protecting and managing forests in Western Australia's southwest national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves, State forests and timber reserves, and provide direction on how new Government policy settings will be achieved.

The *Draft Forest Management Plan* 2024-2033 was prepared by the Conservation and Parks Commission (through the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions) in accordance with the *Conservation and Land Management Act* 1984.



This following wide-ranging consultation with government agencies, key stakeholders and the community, and is informed by scientific research and management experience, input from technical experts and results from monitoring and evaluation processes.

Designed to be more concise and readable than the current FMP, the draft plan has an increased focus on Noongar values and the drying and warming climate of the south-west. It also provides for improved protection of our south-west

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More information

For more information about the forest management plan, visit the FMP webpage at dbca.wa.gov.au/forest-management-plan.

If anyone you know might like to receive these eNewsletters, please invite them to complete this online form and we'll add them to our stakeholder register.

Join us on social media – we'll share key milestones about the draft plan on WA Parks and Wildlife Service channels such as <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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