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Forest Management Plan NEWSLETTER

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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Environmental Protection Authority assessment of the Forest Management Plan 2024–2033

As previously advised, the *Draft Forest Management Plan 2024*–2033 was referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for a determination on whether the plan required assessment under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). Copies of the consultation report and proposed changes to the plan resulting from public consultation on the draft plan were provided to the EPA to assist with the determination. The EPA invited public comments through its consultation hub on whether or not it should assess the plan and if so, the level of assessment.

In late May 2023, the EPA determined to assess the *Forest Management Plan 2024*–2033 at the level of Assessment on Referral Information (with additional information). The EPA also decided to undertake targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders and groups as part of the assessment.

What happens next?

It is anticipated that the EPA process will take several months.

Finalisation and release of the *Forest Management Plan 2024*–2033 will occur after the EPA has concluded its assessment of the plan.

Further information on the EPA assessment of the *Forest Management Plan* 2024–2033 is available at epa.wa.gov.au/proposals/forest-management-plan-2024-2033.

More information

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