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PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACT 1993

Direction to The South Australian Forestry Corporation

Background

- A. The South Australian Forestry Corporation (ForestrySA) is a statutory corporation constituted pursuant to Section 5 of the South Australian Forestry Corporation Act 2000 (SAFC Act).
- B. Pursuant to Section 6 of the Public Corporations Act 1993, and Section 6 of the SAFC Act, ForestrySA is subject to control and direction by its Minister.
- C. The SAFC Act is committed to the Minister for Forests (the Minister) by way of *Gazettal* notice dated 28 September 2006 (p. 3361).
- D. ForestrySA has the functions set out in Section 7 of the SAFC Act, including any other function conferred on ForestrySA by the Minister.
- E. ForestrySA manages forest plantations in the north of South Australia known as the Mid North forests (Mid North Forests), which include a plantation known as the Bundaleer forest.
- F. I am advised by ForestrySA that in the past decade, plantations with a combined area of approximately 80 per cent of the Mid North forest plantation estate have been destroyed by either or both of fires and windthrow.
- G. The South Australian Government has released the Mid North Forests-Future Strategy for determining the future of the Mid North Forests (Strategy).

- H. The process set out in the Strategy is to be undertaken during the course of 2015.
- I. I consider it appropriate, in the interests of maintaining a 'business as usual' approach to the Mid North Forests until a determination is made regarding their future under the Strategy, to direct ForestrySA to replant approximately 150 hectares of radiata pine in the Bundaleer forest in 2015.

I, LEON BIGNELL, Minister for Forests, being the Minister to whom the SAFC Act is committed, DIRECT ForestrySA as follows:

Direction(s)

That ForestrySA:

- replant approximately 150 hectares of radiata pine in the Bundaleer forest in 2015 as part of its non-commercial operations specified in its Charter under the category of 'Management of Mid North Forests' (Replant);
- 2. commence the Replant as soon as practicable on or after 1 April 2015, subject to weather and resource factors, and site preparation; and
- 3. meet the costs of purchasing seedlings and undertaking the Replant within ForestrySA's existing budget.

Dated 22 March 2015.

LEON BIGNELL, Minister for Forests

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