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Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987

NOTICE OF PROPOSED VARIATION OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR TIMBER PRODUCTION 2014

Notice is given under section 33 of the **Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987** of the proposed variation of the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014 (the Code).

Background and objectives

The Code provides the framework for the regulation of commercial timber harvesting operations on both public and private land and plays a key role in ensuring timber harvesting operations are compatible with the conservation of forests. The proposed variation of the Code builds on previous reviews and the 2021 variation to further clarify regulatory requirements, particularly in areas shown to be ambiguous by recent legal action.

The variation of the Code also includes moving the 'Management Standards and Procedures for timber harvesting operations in Victoria's State forests 2021' – currently an incorporated document – into the Code itself as a schedule to the Code.

Submissions

Public comments and submissions to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change are invited on the draft Code, draft Management Standards and Procedures, and draft Instrument of Variation. Submissions must be in writing and must be received by no later than midnight on 15 March 2022. The submissions will be considered before any variation of the Code is made. Copies of the proposed variation of the Code and proposed Legislative Instrument can be obtained from the Engage Victoria website at www.engage.vic.gov.au or viewed at the offices of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002).

The preferred method for receiving submissions is via the Engage Victoria website.

Alternatively, comments and submissions can be sent by email to forest.regulation@delwp.vic.gov.au with the subject 'Variation of the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014'; or by post, marked 'Variation of the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014' and addressed to: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Forest Policy Branch, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 8002.

Please note that all comments and submissions received will be treated as public documents and may be published on the Department's website.

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Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

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