



**Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting  
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'The Western Australian State forests which produce jarrah, karri and marri are managed to world's best practice. All Western Australian jarrah, karri and marri are supplied only from regrowth forests on a sustainable basis with no timber sourced from old growth forests.

The Forest Products Commission of Western Australia has achieved Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) certification of its operations. The Defined Forest Area registration (area that has been certified) now applies to the forest area available for timber harvesting under the Forest Management Plan 2004-13 and which is not subject to active mining tenement.

The AFS is endorsed by the international Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC), which means that the standard is recognised both in domestic and international markets.

The Forest Products Commission is also managing to the Environmental Management System (EMS) and conforms to international standard ISO14001.

I understand an agreement had been reached with Lignor Ltd in October 2007 for sufficient resource of jarrah, karri and marri to supplement the blue gum resource required by Lignor to produce a range of high quality eucalyptus based engineered wood products. The FPC is now in final negotiation to enter into a modified supply agreement that will be in line with the latest technology and market developments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Redman'.

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