

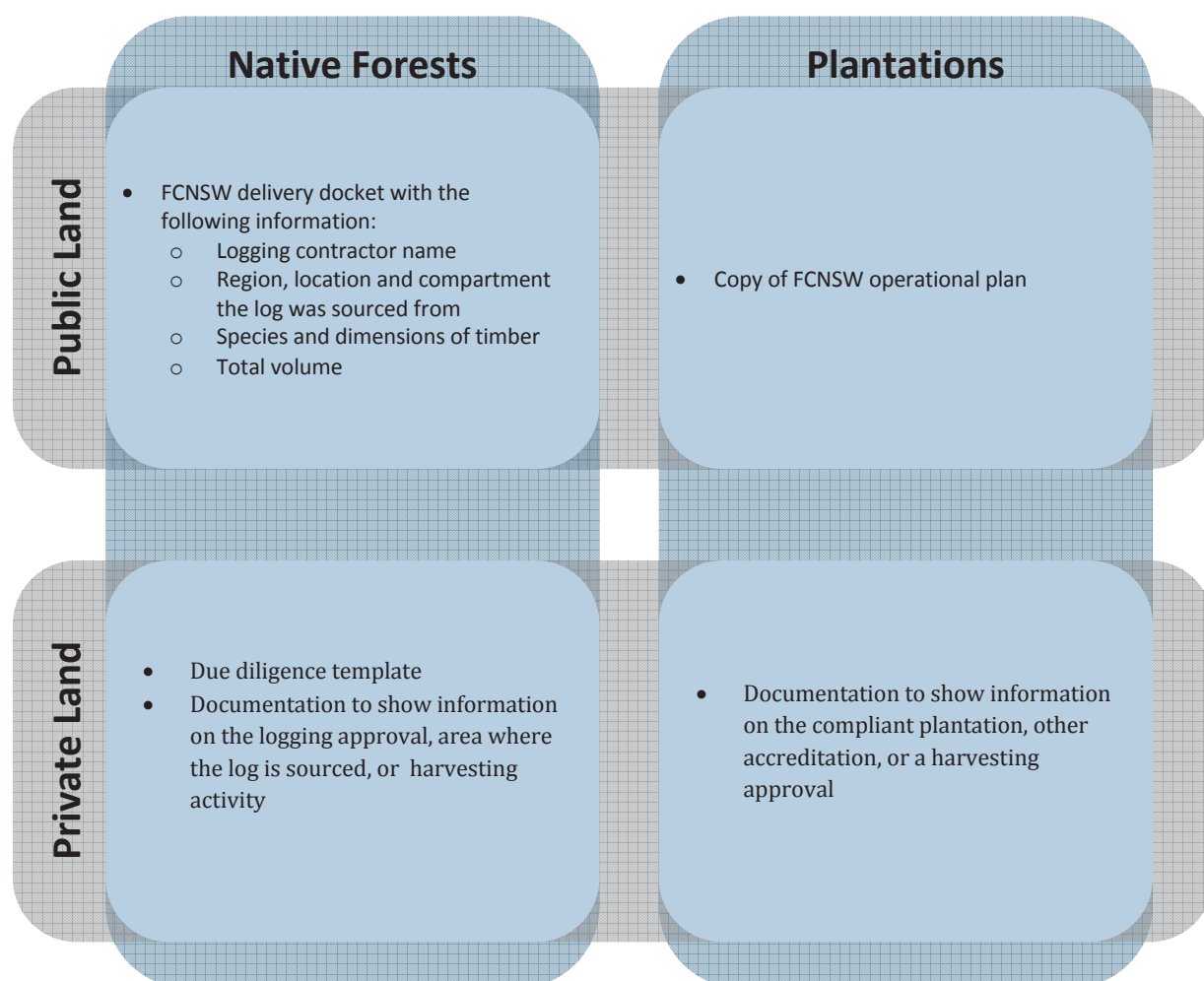


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This Quick Reference Guide supports the **State Specific Guideline for New South Wales** (the NSW Guideline). These documents may be used by processors of raw logs from NSW to facilitate their due diligence process in accordance with the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* and the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment Regulation 2013*.

Documents to demonstrate legality of timber from NSW

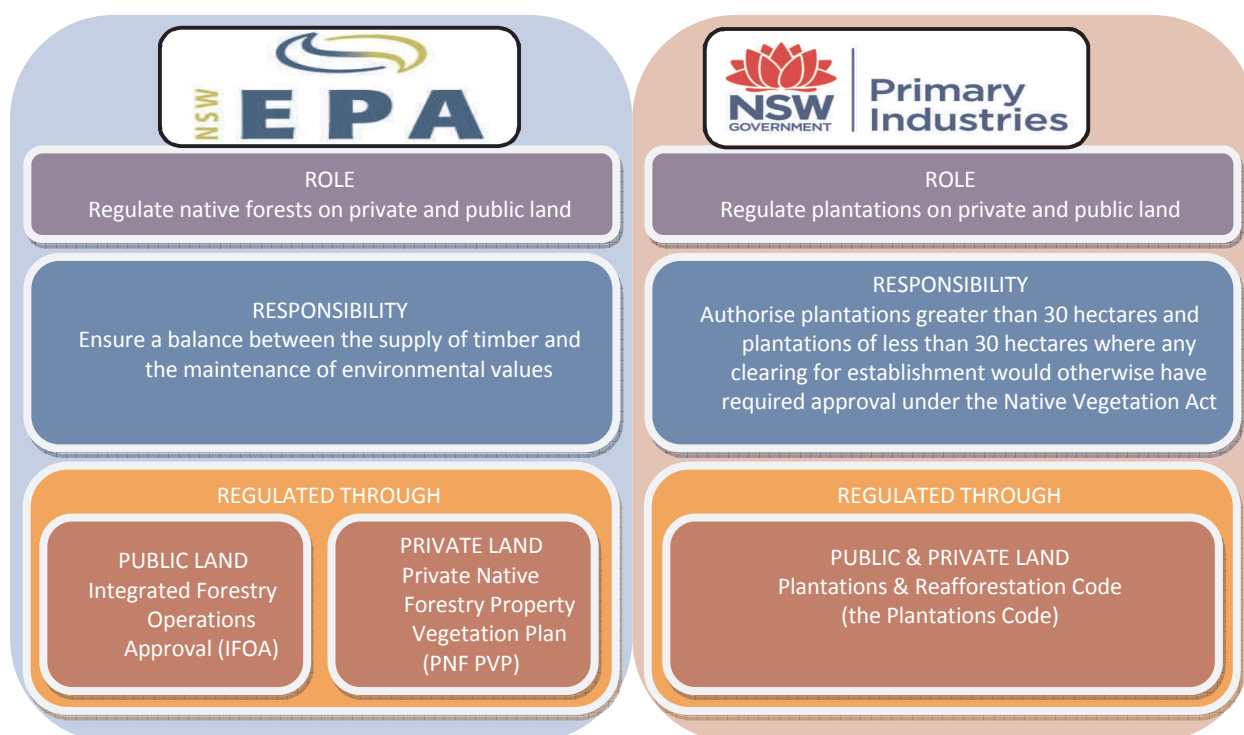


Timber harvesting regulation in NSW

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), including DPI Fisheries NSW have key roles and responsibilities in the regulation of the New South Wales timber industry. The EPA is responsible for regulating native forests through Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA) on public land and Private Native Forestry Property Vegetation Plans (PNF PVPs) on private land. DPI has the role of regulating plantations on private and public land through the *Plantations and Reforestation (Code) Regulation 2001* (the Plantations Code).

Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) is the only organisation authorised to remove timber from state forests and other Crown-timber lands.

The role and regulatory function of the EPA and DPI



Public native forests

Under the *Forestry Act 2012*, forest harvesting operations are permitted in NSW state forests under IFOAs, which provides the formal approval of and conditions for those operations on state forests. Forestry operations are permitted in the following NSW regions: Upper North East, Lower North East, Eden and Southern regions of eastern NSW and the Brigalow and Nandewar, South Western Cypress, and Riverina Red Gum regions of western NSW.

The IFOAs contain the terms of a licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. Responsibility for enforcement of the licences rests with the EPA or DPI Fisheries NSW.

Private native forests

Under the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*, forestry operations conducted for the purposes of private native forestry requires an approved private native forestry property vegetation plan (PNF PVP) from the EPA. A PNF PVP is a legally binding agreement between a landowner and the EPA, which identifies approved operational areas and areas that are excluded from operations, such as rainforest, old-growth forest and drainage features.

Forestry operations in a PNF PVP area must be conducted in accordance with the Private Native Forestry Code of Practice (the Code of Practice).

Plantations

The DPI authorises new and existing plantations on both public and private lands under the *Plantation and Reafforestation Act 1999* (PR Act) and the Plantations Code. Plantations must be authorised under the PR Act before any logging in plantations over 30 hectares in size occurs unless an exception applies. See the NSW Guideline for details of these exemptions.

An operational plan is also required if more than 100 trees in any hectare in any year is harvested in authorised plantations. These plans must be prepared to the standards in the Plantations Code and submitted to the Director-General of DPI.

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