

TECHNICAL PANEL

TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FOREST AGREEMENT RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVES TO THE USE OF 1080

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The primary goal of the Technical Panel (TP) is to provide technical support and advice to the Implementation Committee (IC) and provide support to the independent expert and liaise with the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) in identifying, commissioning and reporting on research and demonstration of alternatives to the use of 1080 to control browsing animal damage on private forest and agricultural land.

The panel will meet on a six monthly basis, or as required. Membership is listed in Attachment A.

The Technical panel will be responsible for the ongoing practical implementation of the programme including

- Liaison with the Stakeholder Advisory Group on technical research and/or field trial issues;
- Support the independent expert in preparing the workshop to review and provide a gap analysis of current research into alternatives to 1080;
- Support for and participation in the initial review of research and other technical activities already undertaken and outcomes from these activities;
- Advising on any additional research that may be needed, providing advice and support on contracting for that research and advising on the implications for program timelines;
- Providing recommendations and support on the contracting of extension and demonstration activities as and when required;
- Providing reports on completed research activities and subsequent future research and/or development programs as required by the IC;
- Providing key input to the final program evaluation and report;
- The project manager will be further responsible for providing updates to meetings of the Implementation Committee as required.

Demonstration and Communication

The Technical Panel will identify suitable demonstration sites that can be used to illustrate the practical implementation of research alternatives to the use of 1080.

The Technical Panel will consider ways to promote community understanding and uptake of research alternatives considered to have a practical application.

The Technical Panel will ensure that regular and meaningful input from industry and the general community is considered in the development of alternatives to ensure the final recommendation report is well received.

Attachment A – Technical Panel Membership

The Technical Panel will comprise the following representatives, however other representatives made be added if required.

Person	Area of Expertise / Organisation
Dave de Little	Independent Chairperson
John Dawson	Project Manager (1080 Alternatives)
Perdi Mitchell	Dept Environment & Heritage
Greg Hocking	DPIW, Wildlife Policy and Planning
Andrew Walsh	Forestry Tasmania, Mammal Browsing Officer
Quentin Hart	Bureau of Rural Science
Julianne O'Reilly-Wapstra	CRC for Sustainable Forestry
Glen Saunders	CRC for Invasive Animals
Morgan Edwards	Dept of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry
Chris Barnes	Private Forestry & Wallaby Control Expert
Don Jones	Farming & Firearms Expert
Frank Vanclay	Rural Sociologist, TIAR / Uni. Tas
Mick Statham	Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research

Managing Conflict of Interest

The Technical Panel is an advisory body to the Implementation Committee. It is not a decision making body.

It is understood that some experts on the Technical Panel may be interested in, or be associated with organisations interested in, tendering for research and demonstration trials for this program. Membership on the Technical Panel will not preclude members from involvement with proposals funded by this Program.

All members of the Technical Panel will be required to sign a Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest declaration covering their duties on the Technical Panel. This responsibility includes declaring a conflict of interest in any decisions and standing aside where these conflicts occur.