

**TASMANIAN REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT –COMMONWEALTH IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR 1998**

<b>Clause</b>	<b>1998 Milestone / Action</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Action in 1998</b>
#23(a)	The Commonwealth to prepare a policy outline for RFA legislation which will include provisions as specified in clause 22	by 31 Dec 1997	The Regional Forest Agreement Bill 1998 was introduced into the Federal Parliament on 30 June 1998. The Bill was reintroduced on 26 November 1998 after lapsing due to the calling of the Federal election.
#23 (c)	The Commonwealth to introduce legislation to provide certainty to the provisions specified in clause 22	by 30 June 1998	
#39	The State and Commonwealth to jointly participate in further world heritage assessment of the relevant themes	by 30 June 1998	The Commonwealth proposed, by letter on 22 June 1998, a process for further assessment of the eucalypt dominated vegetation sub-theme using expert workshops. Tasmania agreed to the proposed approach and nominated experts and participants.
#44	The parties to provide each other with written reports detailing the achievement of the milestones	annually for the first 5 years; then 5 yearly	This report fulfills this milestone.
#Att 1.6	The State and the Commonwealth to jointly fund and accredit digital maps at 1:100 000 scale of all lands in Tasmania listed on the Register of the National Estate.	by 31 December 1998	The Commonwealth and Tasmania agreed that finalisation of the National Estate boundaries on 1:100 000 maps should be informed by the more detailed 1:25 000 mapping of reserve boundaries (Attachment 6.5 of the RFA), to ensure accuracy and consistency. This work is currently underway.
#Att 12.22	The Parties, based on the Agreement, will promote the sustainability of Tasmanian wood products in domestic and international markets.	ongoing	A statement on Sustainable Forest Management was prepared for consideration for joint signature by relevant Commonwealth and Tasmanian Ministers in early 1999
#Att 14.2.5	Latest versions of all jointly owned data – listed in Schedule 1 of Attachment #14 – to be exchanged	within 3 months of commencement of RFA (March 1998)	Data have been exchanged for the National Estate, but delays were experienced for wilderness data and CRA/RFA reports and associated maps. The remaining data exchange is expected to be completed by early 1999.
#Att 14.3	The State and the Commonwealth to delete all copies of data which they do not own but were provided for RFA purposes, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the respective data owners.	not later than one month after the RFA is signed (December 1997)	All copies of data which are not owned by the Commonwealth, but were provided for RFA purposes, have been deleted.
#Att 14.4.1	The State and the Commonwealth to list and archive data used for RFA purposes.	within 3 months of commencement of RFA (March 1998)	Data used for RFA purposes have been listed and archived.

<b>Other relevant clauses of the Tasmanian RFA</b>			
#91	(paraphrased) The State and Commonwealth to develop a set of appropriate, practical, and cost effective sustainability indicators	by 1 December 1999	Tasmania has commenced work on developing regional indicators. Discussion is to be initiated with the Commonwealth following initial consideration of indicators.
#100	(paraphrased) The Commonwealth agrees to provide to Tasmania, \$20 million, subject to the provisions of the <i>Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act 1997</i> to protect conservation values on private land	outlined in Attachment 8	NHT to provide \$20 million on a case by case project approval basis. To date, no NHT funds have been expended. Payments are to be made in accordance with the NHT legislation, administered on the terms and conditions set out in the NHT Partnership Agreement with Tasmania.
#101	(paraphrased) The Commonwealth agreed to provide to Tasmania: i) \$57 million in equal installments over 3 years from 1997/98 - new intensive forest management initiative implementation ii) \$13 million in equal installments over 3 years from 1997/98 -employment and industry development initiatives iii) \$10 million in equal installments over 3 years from 1997/98 - roads, tourism infrastructure and new reserve management. iv) \$10 million in equal installments over 2 years from 1997/98 – program to protect CAR reserve System on private land	outlined in Attachment 12  outlined in Attachment 12  outlined in Attachment 8	(i) The Commonwealth provided \$15.6 million in 1997-98. and a further \$22.5 million will be provided in 1998-99 (ii) The Commonwealth provided \$4.61 million in 1997-98 and will provide \$4.3 million in 1998-99. (iii) The Commonwealth provided \$3.4 million under this commitment in 1997-98 and will be providing \$3.3 million in 1998-99. On 25 June 1998, a contract was agreed between the Tasmanian Government and the Commonwealth for the development and construction of two major visitor interpretation centres at appropriate locations in Tasmania. These will focus on a broad range of conservation and heritage features of forested lands, promotion of regional tourism and encouragement of employment opportunities. (iv) The Commonwealth provided \$10 million over two years with two \$2.5 million payments in 1997-98 and a further \$5 million paid in 1998-99.