



Regional Forest Agreements

## North East RFA

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# Highlights

The RFA provides 20 years' certainty for the people and communities of the North East region. It establishes a Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) Reserve system, facilitates industry development and jobs growth, and ensures that native forests used for both conservation and production are managed sustainably for the future.

### Jobs and industry

Over the life of the RFA there will be:

- a continuing **supply to industry of 68,000 cubic metres** of sawlogs per year;
- a potential **increase in sawlog supply**;
- potential for the creation of around **30 direct jobs** through value adding and possible increase in sawlog supply;
- a significant increase in the annual **Gross Value of Production (GVP)** of saw milling, currently \$18m per year.

### Environment

- An additional 174,000 hectares set aside for conservation in the CAR Reserve System - an increase of 42 per cent.
- Addition to the reserves of the **upper Wongungarra catchment area** with its high quality stands of old growth, flora and fauna habitat and significant Spotted Tree Frog population.
- Important areas of **Stanley Plateau** are set aside for nature conservation and tourism.
- Special Management Areas to protect habitat of the **Long Footed Potoroo**.
- Protection of all known populations of the endangered **Spotted Tree Frog** in the region with 300m protection buffer zone around habitat and disturbance minimised for at least one km upstream of known populations.

