North East RFA

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.