

# Amendment No. 1 of Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement

This Amendment is made on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018 between the Commonwealth of Australia (**Commonwealth**) and the State of Victoria (**State**).

## Recitals

- A The State and Commonwealth entered into a Regional Forest Agreement (Agreement) in relation to the Central Highlands region of Victoria on 27 March 1998. The Agreement establishes the framework for the management of the forests of the Central Highlands.
- B The State and Commonwealth share a common policy intent to provide stability for forest industries in the Central Highlands region through the continuation of the Agreement by extending the duration of the Agreement until 31 March 2020.
- C In amending the Agreement, the State and Commonwealth are aligning the date the Agreement remains in force with the Regional Forest Agreements for the Gippsland and West Victoria regions.
- D The Commonwealth and the State agree to amend the provisions of the Agreement in accordance with this Amendment.

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# Agreed terms

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## 1. Defined terms and interpretation

### 1.1 Defined terms

In this Amendment, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) a word or expression defined or referred to in this Amendment has the meaning given to it in the Agreement;
- (b) **Agreement** means the Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State signed on 27 March 1998;
- (c) **Amendment** means this amendment agreement, including all annexures and schedules to it.

## 2. Relationship to Agreement

- (a) This Amendment forms part of the Agreement and is to be interpreted subject to the definitions and provisions specified in the Agreement, unless a contrary intention appears.
- (b) The parties acknowledge and agree that the Agreement as amended by this Amendment is and continues to be in full force and effect.

## 3. Miscellaneous

### 3.1 Counterparts

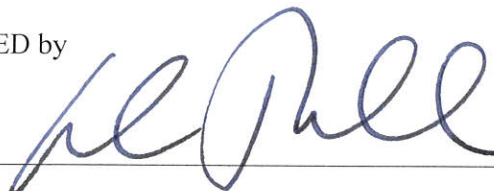
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The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

In the presence of:

PETER WOOLCOTT



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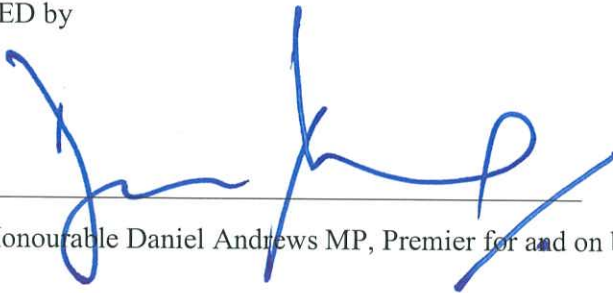
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# Schedule 1 – Amendment to Agreement

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The Agreement is amended as follows:

- 1.1 AMEND recital B by INSERTING after the words “for the purposes of the” the following:**

*Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002,*

- 1.2 DELETE the words “for twenty years” in clause 5 and REPLACE with the following:**

until 31 March 2020.

- 1.3 DELETE in clause 6 the following words:**

as part of the third five yearly review

- 1.4 AMEND clause 15 by DELETING “Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet” and the Commonwealth’s address, and REPLACING with the following:**

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

18 Marcus Clarke Street

CANBERRA ACT 2601

- 1.5 INSERT after clause 36 the following new clause:**

36A. Notwithstanding clause 36, the Parties agree that from 31 March 2018 the timing of all five yearly reviews will be aligned with the timing of the five yearly reviews set out in the Gippsland and West Victoria RFAs.

- 1.6 INSERT the following new headings and clauses after clause 38:**

**Monitoring the Agreement**

**Annual meetings**

38A. The Parties agree to hold annual officials-level, bi-lateral meetings in the years between each 5 yearly review to monitor the implementation of the Agreement and discuss any issues that arise.

**General monitoring**

38B. Notwithstanding the annual meetings and 5 yearly reviews, the Parties otherwise agree to maintain open communication on matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement, including raising and responding to issues at any time.

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