

Amendment No. 2 of East Gippsland Regional Forest Agreement

This Amendment is made on the 26th 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 East Gippsland region of Victoria on 3 February 1997. The Agreement was amended on 20 January 2017 to extend the Agreement to 27 March 2018. The Agreement establishes the framework for the management of the forests of the East Gippsland region of Victoria.
- B The State and Commonwealth share a common policy intent to provide stability for forest industries in the East Gippsland 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 Agreement 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.

Agreed terms

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 East Gippsland Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State signed on 3 February 1997 as amended;
- (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.

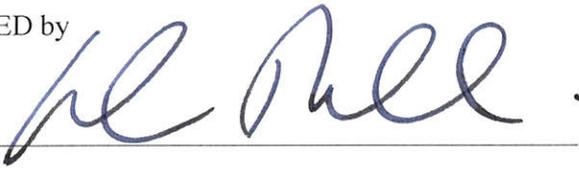
3. Miscellaneous

3.1 Counterparts

This Amendment may be executed in counterparts. All executed counterparts constitute one document.

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SIGNED by



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

In the presence of: PETER WOOLCOTT



SIGNED by

The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP, Premier for and on behalf of the State of Victoria

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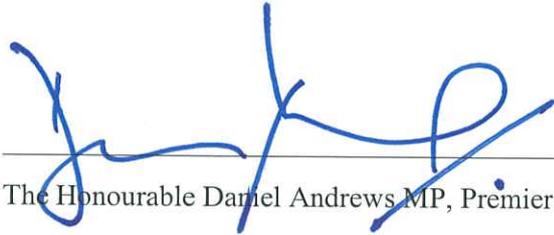
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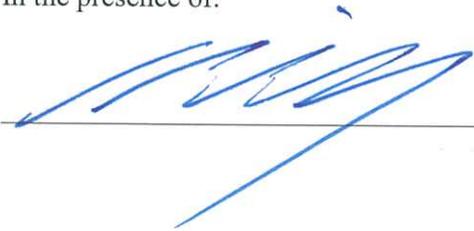
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The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP, Premier for and on behalf of the State of Victoria

In the presence of:



Schedule 1 – Amendment to Agreement

The Agreement is amended as follows:

1.1 AMEND clause 2 by INSERTING after “for the purposes of the” the following:

Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002 and

1.2 DELETE clause 4 and REPLACE with the following:

This Agreement takes effect upon signing by both parties and will remain in force until 31 March 2020.

1.3 DELETE from clause 5 the following words:

as part of the third five yearly review

1.4 INSERT after clause 30 the following:

30A. Notwithstanding clause 30, 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.

1.5 INSERT after clause 32 the following new headings and clauses:

Monitoring the Agreement

Annual meetings

32A. The Parties agree to hold annual officials-level, bi-lateral meetings in the years between each five yearly review to monitor the implementation of the Agreement and discuss any issues that arise.

General monitoring

32B. Notwithstanding the annual meetings and five 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.