

National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry

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Scope of the NES-CF Now including exotic continuous-cover forest

- ▶ The NES-CF now includes exotic continuous-cover forestry.
- ▶ There is new definition for exotic continuous-cover forest.
- ▶ The definition of a plantation forest remains the same.

Controlling the locations of commercial forests

- ▶ The relationship between plan rules and the NES-CF will be amended to provide for the following:

“A rule in a plan may be more stringent or lenient than subpart 1 of Part 2 of these regulations.” (Subpart 1 - Afforestation)



Additional matters of discretion for afforestation restricted discretionary activities

New Matters of discretion for activities that require consent under regulation 16(2)(b) or (c)

- Future harvesting and earthworks effects
- Effects associated with planting location and species planted
- Effects associated with planting density and establishment method
- Effects associated with forestry type (plantation versus ECCF)
- Effects on ecosystems, freshwater, coastal water, communities and infrastructure

Management Plan changes



Afforestation and Replant Management Plans required



Changes to all management plans



Harvest Plans and Forestry Earthworks Management Plans now have separate Schedules for information requirements

Monitoring charges

- ▶ Monitoring charges for permitted activities

Notice period extended

- ▶ Notice period for afforestation and replanting extended

Wilding tree risk calculations

- ▶ Assessments behind calculation to be provided
- ▶ Notice period for calculations extended



New Slash Management permitted standards

The NES-CF introduces a new permitted activity standard for managing forestry slash on the cutover and some minor amendments to manage the effects of slash at harvest.

Alignment of National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry with the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater



Additions to fish passage requirements for river crossings



New culvert invert burying requirements



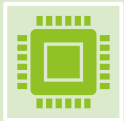
New definition of *sediment control measures*



Amendments have been made to be consistent with NES-F in terms of machinery use in wetlands.

TRANSITIONING

How will applications submitted prior to and post 3 Nov 2023 be processed?



If an application was submitted, and the notification decision was made, prior to 3 November 2023 then the NES-PF will apply.



If an application was submitted prior to 3 November 2023 but the notification decision was not made until after 3 November 2023, then the NES-CF will apply.



If an application is submitted on or after 3 November 2023, the NES-CF will apply.

TRANSITIONING

Further notes

- ▶ Existing activities such as harvest or earthworks with management plans that have been submitted to councils prior to 3 November?
- ▶ Existing plantation forests, planted before the NES-PF came into force before 3 November?
- ▶ Exotic carbon forest forests that were planted before these amendments came into force?



Questions?