

DERM Forest Products

Forest Management Policy Statement

DERM Forest Products is a commercially focused business unit of the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM). The unit is responsible for the sale of specified State-owned native forest products under the provisions of the *Forestry Act 1959*, and is committed to:

- complying with applicable legislative requirements, codes and procedures, supporting government forest policies and strategies, and where possible, contributing to the development of such instruments towards the achievement of sound and balanced outcomes
- meeting forest management requirements, within a commercial context, covering environmental, economic, cultural and social aspects, including communicating with affected and interested parties and publicly reporting findings of independent audits
- adopting a risk management approach in all aspects, including adequately exercising

existing powers to ensure relevant codes and procedures are met, environmental harm is prevented, loss, waste and pollution are avoided and that the risk of workplace injury is mitigated

- promoting continual improvement and enhancing public recognition as a responsible and accountable native forest management agency
- maintaining a forest management system, independently certified to an internationally recognised forestry standard, on State land allocated to native forest production
- encouraging chain-of-custody certification by industry to address market demand.



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