

# The Tarkine



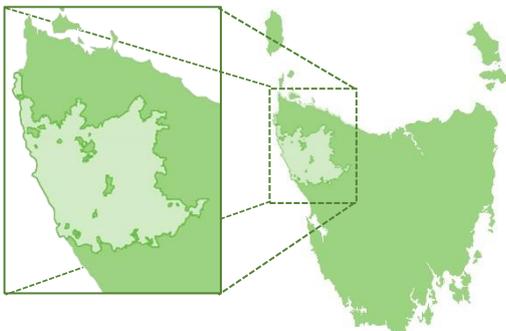
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From coast and sand dunes, through rainforest and rivers, to mountain ranges, the Tarkine is a diverse and sustainable ecosystem of importance to hikers and explorers, farmers, fishers and holiday-makers, miners and the wood products industry.

For around 150 years the Tarkine has been the focus of uninterrupted mineral exploration and development and has supported our economy and local jobs through responsible mining and forestry activities. The region also supports a range of other commercial activities including hydro electricity generation, beekeeping and tourism as well as recreational activities such as walking and fishing.

The Tarkine contains significant natural and cultural values including an extensive tract of cool temperate rainforest, expansive eucalypt forests, sedgeland and areas of significant Aboriginal heritage.

It stands as a prime example of the natural resource industries coexisting with the environment and the success of the multiple-use nature of the area.



## Responsible management

The Tarkine region is comprised almost exclusively of public land, which is actively managed by the State.

The region encompasses a diverse range of land uses and values with around 75 per cent reserved land managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service.

The majority of these reserves are multiple-use where mining, specialty timbers harvesting using partial harvest techniques, and other commercial activities can potentially occur subject to regulatory and environmental approvals.

A further 19 per cent of the region is future potential production forest land, managed by Crown Land Services for multiple uses, and the remaining five per cent production forest land managed by Sustainable Timber Tasmania.

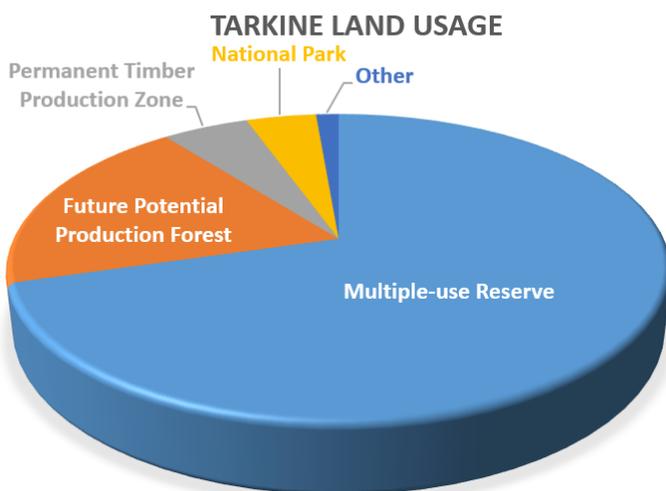
These areas are carefully managed to maintain natural processes and retain the intrinsic value of the region whilst allowing for opportunities for responsible economic development to occur.

The ongoing sustainable management of the area dictates that equal rights of access for appropriate activities be based on sound principles of social, environmental and economic balance.

## The Tarkine region

The Tarkine region encompasses 447 000 hectares<sup>1</sup> roughly stretching from the west coast, the Arthur River to the north, the Pieman River to the south and the Murchison Highway to the east.

The largest area of cool temperate rainforest in Australia is included in the 18 000 hectare Savage River National Park and surrounding reserves.



## Economic contribution

Mineral exploration in the Tarkine region over the past 20 years has seen some \$146 million spent by the industry in the local area.

This is a significant injection of spending into a regional area of Tasmania, which helps deliver potential future wealth and employment to the State.

Even a modestly sized mine established in this region could see \$40 million flow to the state Treasury over a 20 year mine life, plus the associated add-on benefits of jobs and positive flow-on effects.

The continued development of responsible mining and forestry operations in this area is an important component of broader industry activity across Tasmania and our economic wellbeing, and will support jobs, families and communities in the north west of the state.

## Economic activities

### Mining

The Tarkine region covers some of the most prospective areas of Tasmania, an area globally significant for its mineral endowment.

Mineral exploration and development has continued uninterrupted in the Tarkine since the 1870s.

At 30 June 2018 mineral tenements, including both exploration licences and mining leases, cover 36 per cent of the region.

While there are a number of proposed mines in the region, even if all of these were to proceed the total area of mining in the region would still only be approximately one per cent.

### Forestry

In the Tarkine Region, five per cent of the land has been formally declared as production forest land to sustainably supply wood products. On this production forest land almost half is set aside as informal reserves or non-production areas to manage important forest values

Annual harvesting on production forest land in the Tarkine Region is less than 200 hectares per annum, or less than 0.05 per cent of the total area.

Responsible harvesting operations on production forest land are primarily focused on eucalypt forests for the sustainable supply of high-quality eucalypt sawlogs used in the manufacture of a range of timber products from floor boards to fine furniture.

The region is also important for special species timbers which are used to make a range of high-value products such as wooden boats, furniture, musical instruments and craft products.

All areas of harvested native forest are regenerated, grown and nurtured to remain as native forests for the future. Plantations are not established following native forest harvesting.

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1. This is the area that was proposed for National Heritage listing in 2004.