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Future Potential Production Forest (FPPF) Land is a land class described in the *Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Act 2014* (the Act).

The land was established to secure a 'wood-bank' to provide for future sustainable forestry production in Tasmania.

Where is FPPF Land located?

There are around 356 000 hectares of FPPF Land outside of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA). FPPF Land is dispersed across the state (see www.thelist.tas.gov.au for further detail).

Around 35 000 hectares of FPPF Land is situated within the TWWHA. The Tasmanian Government has committed to not allow any commercial forestry or mining activities on FPPF Land situated within the TWWHA.

Who administers FPPF Land?

The Crown Lands Minister is the Minister responsible for FPPF Land. The land is administered by the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE). For inquiries, see <https://parks.tas.gov.au/about-us/conducting-business-in-parks-and-reserves/property-services>.

What restrictions apply to FPPF Land?

No native forest harvesting can be undertaken on FPPF Land. Special species timber harvesting can occur on FPPF Land, however it can only be by partial harvest techniques and is subject to approvals.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT) is excluded from conducting any harvesting activities on FPPF Land.

What is the future for FPPF Land?

There are two mechanisms to change the classification of FPPF Land under the Act.

The first is the exchange of FPPF Land with Permanent Timber Production Zone Land (PTPZ Land). This means the overall stock of FPPF Land will remain the same.

The second is the conversion (without replacement) of areas of FPPF Land into PTPZ Land. This mechanism cannot be used prior to 8 April 2020.

The process for exchange or conversion is triggered if the Minister for Resources requests the Crown Lands Minister to consider the change. For either option to progress, consideration must be given to a range of factors, such as the environmental and heritage values on the FPPF Land, balanced against the economic opportunities.

Both mechanisms – exchange and conversion – require the acceptance of both houses of the Tasmanian Parliament.

After 8 April 2020, FPPF Land will remain as such until an explicit order to exchange or convert the land is moved and accepted in both Houses of Parliament.

In developing a way forward, the Government will consider the views of industry and other key stakeholders in relation to the merit of any proposed future use of FPPF Land.