Link Between The Five Year Review and RFA extension process

Clause 8 of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (Tasmanian RFA) requires the Australian Government and the Tasmanian Government (the Parties) to agree a process for extending the Tasmanian RFA as part of the third five-yearly review.

This document shows the process the Parties are using to negotiate an extended Tasmanian RFA and the relationship between this extension process and the third five-yearly review of the Tasmanian RFA.

Formal negotiations will conclude with the Prime Minister and Tasmanian Premier signing and announcing the extended Tasmanian RFA.

**THIRD FIVE-YEARLY RFA REVIEW**

- **Scoping Agreement**
  The parties formally agree to the scope of the third five-yearly RFA review.

- **Preparation**
  The Parties produce a report on progress with the implementation of the RFA (Implementation Report); agree the high-level process for extending the RFA; and appoint an independent reviewer.

- **Public consultation**
  Public comments are sought on the Implementation Report, recognising the commitment to extend the Tasmanian RFA. Other consultation processes, including several parallel processes, will also provide useful input.

- **Review**
  The independent reviewer reviews the Implementation Report and public comments. The reviewer’s report is presented to Parties.

- **Joint government response**
  The reviewer’s report is tabled in parliament and the Parties formally respond to the reviewer’s report.

**RFA EXTENSION PROCESS**

- **Preparation**
  The Parties settle the joint working arrangements and the extension process and develop material to support the public comments period.

- **Preliminary talks**
  Government officials hold preliminary talks (without prejudice) to consider issues that will need to be settled in formal negotiations.

- **Formal negotiations**
  The Parties formally consider all matters relevant to the extension, then negotiate and agree the terms of the extended RFA.

- **Ministerial endorsement**
  The Parties sign the extended RFA.