

# Sustainable Forest Management Policy



AKS Forest Solutions is a leading forest manager in the private sector providing a complete forest management solution from the forest to the market. We provide optimal market-based results delivering quality sustainable forest management, product differentiation and economic outcomes for forest growers in a safe working environment. We are regionally based supporting local businesses and communities.

AKS Forest Solutions manages native forests and plantations on principles of sustainable forest management taking into account social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes of our decision-making processes providing landowners with confidence in long-term outcomes. We do this by being committed to:

- minimizing harm in all aspects of our operations through sustainable practices. We will continually assess our operations to identify opportunities for improvement in our sustainability efforts, aiming to leave a positive impact on the planet for future generations
- We acknowledge the positive contribution of our stakeholders and will proactively engage stakeholders in open and authentic communication proportionate to the scope, scale and intensity of forest operations.
- Compliance with legislated and other external requirements relating to our business.
- Operations planned in cooperation with landowners' objectives, regularly monitored and periodically audited for compliance with the Forest Practices Code and conformance with AS/NZS 4708.
- Regular reviews of our forest management system to continually improve the performance of our systems and outcomes.
- Conservation management of natural and cultural values delivered through preplanning and operations implementation.
- Taking account of social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes.
- Engaging appropriately qualified staff and contractors and providing them with training opportunities, ensuring effective induction, safety awareness and compliance.
- Non-conversion of native forest.
- Not using genetically modified trees.

Tony Stonjek, Director

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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