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Timber Utilisation Plan

VicForests has prepared a Timber Utilisation Plan (TUP) to allow for timber harvesting of areas not subject to the Allocation Order 2013 (as amended). Management of timber harvesting in areas outside the Allocation Order 2013 (as amended) was transferred from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) to VicForests in 2014. The TUP prepared by VicForests is equivalent to the Wood Utilisation Plan (WUP) previously prepared by DEPI.

Specified conditions

VicForests recognises that all planning and operations of VicForests must comply with all relevant laws including, but not limited to:

- i. the Forests Act 1958 (Vic);
- ii. the Conservation, Forests and Land Act 1987 (Vic);
- iii. the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic);
- iv. the Road Management Act 2004 (Vic); and
- v. the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic); and

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The Timber Utilisation Plan aligns with long-term resource sustainability as outlined in the document "Review of Commercial Forestry Management in Western Victoria", DEPI, 2013.

The objective of the Proposed TUP amendment documents is to provide stakeholders details of the location and approximate timing of proposed timber harvesting operations and associated management activities.

The Proposed TUP amendment does not signify any significant change in approach to harvesting, but rather seeks to:

- Update planning documentation;
- Replace a number of coupes which have been harvested with new areas;
- Meet ongoing operational requirements and business commitments.

As this is an amendment to the current TUP, this Schedule only shows proposed changes to the current approved Timber Utilisation Plan.

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1. Glossary

Coupe – A contiguous area of forest of variable size, shape and orientations from which timber is harvested or in which other forest management activities may be undertaken.

Coupe Address – A unique 12-digit reference number that indicates the location of an individual coupe.

Coupe Boundary/ Gross Area - The area within which operations will be conducted. It is represented spatially by the 'proposed coupe boundary' that is mapped within CENGEA Forest Planner and approved for inclusion on a Timber Utilisation Plan. This area may include sections which are not expected to be harvested (e.g. to align the boundary to a geographical feature such as a road).

Silvicultural Intent – Describes the intended outcome from intervention (silvicultural treatment/ harvesting or management works). Each silvicultural intent incorporates a number of silvicultural systems (or management activities) which may be utilised to achieve the desired outcome.

Silviculture System – Describes the method that will be used to regenerate (and hence to harvest) the coupe.

Timber Utilisation Plan / TUP – A Timber Utilisation Plan is a list of areas and corresponding maps, outlining where timber harvesting and regeneration works are authorised to be completed by VicForests. Timber Utilisation Plans can fall within any Forest Management Area (FMA) but may not incorporate an area captured by the Allocation Order 2013 as amended.

Wood Utilisation Plan / WUP – A Wood Utilisation Plan is a list of areas and corresponding maps, outlining where timber harvesting and regeneration works are authorised to be completed as prepared by government departments (most recently, DEPI – the Department of Environment and Primary Industries). In addition to commercial operations, WUPs also included areas for domestic firewood collection and other forest works to be completed by the Department. Wood Utilisation Plans can fall within any Forest Management Area (FMA) but may not incorporate an area captured by the Allocation Order 2013 as amended.

2. Silviculture categories

Silvicultural treatments have been grouped into categories to allow the most appropriate treatment to be selected based on the forest type and on operational, regeneration and forest health requirements.

Coupe management type	Silvicultural intent category	Operational purpose or outcome	Silvicultural systems may be selected from (or utilise a combination of) the following:
Stand management	Even-aged stand management – EAM	Stand replacement.	CFE – Clearfall extraction
			STR – Seed tree
			RRH – Regrowth retention harvesting
			CFS – Clearfall recovery
			SH1 – Shelterwood one
	Multi-aged stand management – MAM	Stand tending, maintenance, or manipulation.	THA – Thinning from above
			THB – Thinning from below
			STS – Standard single tree selection
			GSE – Group/ gap selection or creation
			UNE – Uneven-aged
Forest management	Reforestation (<i>no forest structure</i>) – NFS	Reforestation/ Re-establishment of forest cover.	REF – Reforestation

3. Summary of proposed Timber Utilisation Plan Amendments

Summary of number of coupes and hectares by Forest Management Area

3.1 Number of coupes by operation type

Forest Management Area	Stand management	Forest management	Totals
Bendigo	4	0	4
Horsham	0	1	1
Midlands	1	0	1
Mid-Murray	4	0	4
Otway	0	0	0
Portland	0	0	0
Totals	9	1	10

Note: The figures above may contain overlapping areas.

3.2 Number of hectares by operation type

Forest Management Area	Stand management	Forest management
Bendigo	385	0
Horsham	0	1333
Midlands	12	0
Mid-Murray	426	0
Otway	0	0
Portland	0	0
Totals	824	1333

Note: The figures above may contain overlapping areas.

4. VicForests Proposed Timber Utilisation Plan Amendments - for the period 2020 – 2023/24
New Coupe Additions and Coupe Amendments for stand management operations.

Coupes identified for the purposes of timber harvesting operations, sourcing and sale of forest produce (including timber) and /or associated management activities. These coupes will NOT necessarily be harvested during the 2020-2024 period.

VicForests' Region	Forest Management Area	District	Coupe Address <i>(sorted smallest to largest)</i>	TUP modification type	Coupe type	Silviculture category	Area (hectares)
Western Victoria	Mid-Murray West	Mid Murray	106-009-0002	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	118
Western Victoria	Mid-Murray West	Mid Murray	106-009-0003	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	82
Western Victoria	Mid-Murray West	Mid Murray	113-002-0003	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	113
Western Victoria	Mid-Murray West	Mid Murray	113-002-0004	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	114
Western Victoria	Bendigo	Bendigo	147-000-0015	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	88
Western Victoria	Bendigo	Bendigo	147-000-0016	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	115
Western Victoria	Bendigo	Bendigo	147-000-0017	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	69
Western Victoria	Bendigo	Bendigo	147-000-0018	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Stand management	Multi-aged stand management	114
Western Victoria	Midlands	Midlands	172-501-0106	TUP Change: Propose amended boundary	Stand management	Even-aged stand management	12

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Western Victoria	Horsham	Horsham	035-016-0094	TUP Change: Propose new boundary	Forest management	Reforestation (no structure)	1333



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