

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM FORESTRY TASMANIA ON ROADING**

The Forest Practices Code outlines the minimum standards required for roads and tracks for forestry purposes, including construction and maintenance prescriptions to minimise impacts on natural and cultural heritage.

Forestry Tasmania's operations are independently certified under the Australian Forestry Standard (AFS), which sets stringent environmental, social and economic criteria for forest management and production tracking. This Standard is endorsed by the international programme responsible for such endorsements – the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC). The Standard can be found at <http://www.forestrystandard.org.au/>

Forestry Tasmania also operates under an environmental management system certified to ISO 14001. Forestry Tasmania's environmental management system includes management of legal compliance, risk management, policies, procedures and guidelines, corrective and preventative action, operational monitoring and internal and external auditing.

Forestry Tasmania provides road access to State forest in a manner so as not to compromise other forest values or public safety. Roads, tracks and fire trails provide access for a range of forest management and other activities, primarily for extraction of harvested timber, but also for fire management, recreation, beekeeping and tourism. Some roads provide access to adjacent private freehold land and walking tracks that provide access to the adjacent TWWHA and other reserves.

Forestry Tasmania generally permits the public to have right of access to all roads on State forest. However, forest management activities result in certain roads and tracks being closed either on a temporary (e.g. during periods of extreme fire danger) or permanent basis.

As a result of about 50 years of road building activity, most areas of State forest have primary road access networks already constructed. Most new roading is upgrading of old logging tracks or construction of short secondary or spur roads from the main road network. Some of these are in State forest adjacent to the property.