



#### 4.5.16 Private Forestry Code

##### Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to:

- facilitate the practice of Private Forestry within the Shire;
- encourage Private Forestry on currently unproductive, under-utilised or environmentally degraded land;
- ensure that all Private Forestry operates in an ecologically sustainable manner;
- ensure that all Private Forestry does not have negative impacts upon identified ecological, catchment or landscape values;
- minimise the potential for Private Forestry to conflict with other land uses; and
- promote the long term harvest security of Private Forestry.

##### Applicability

This Code applies to assessable development for a Material Change of Use for Private Forestry.

##### Elements of the Code

###### *Private Forestry Development Plan*

	<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>	<b>ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS</b>
P1	Adequate planning is undertaken to provide details of the intentions for, and the long term management objectives of the Private Forestry use.	No Acceptable Solution <sup>45</sup> .

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<sup>45</sup> Refer to the LGAQ Private Forestry Model Planning Framework (PFMPF)



### *Establishment*

<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>		<b>ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS</b>	
P2	<p>The establishment of the Private Forestry use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduces potential for land use conflict;</li> <li>• establishes adequate Setbacks from natural features and infrastructure; and</li> <li>• addresses safety and the threat of fire.</li> </ul>	A2.1	<p>The following separation distances are established and maintained:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Forestry &lt; 3 hectares – 30 metres</li> <li>• Private Forestry &gt; 3 hectares – 60 metres</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Property Boundary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Forestry &lt; 3 hectares – 5 metres</li> <li>• Private Forestry &gt; 3 hectares – 10 metres</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Watercourses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 1 – 20 metres</li> <li>• Category 2 – 10 metres</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Transmission Lines – as provided for in the Forest Harvesting Industry Code of Practice (DETIR 2000)</li> </ul>

### *Fire Management*

<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>		<b>ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS</b>	
P3	<p>The threat of fire to the Private Forestry use and to surrounding land is limited by adequate planning and fire control measures.</p>	A3.1	<p>The Fire Planning Section within the Private Forestry Development Plan is completed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Fire breaks/Access Roads are provided within forests used for Private Forestry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>The maximum contiguous plantation area without an internal Access Road does not exceed 30 hectares in area.</p>



***Timber Harvesting and Haulage***

<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>		<b>ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS</b>	
P4	The conduct of on Site value adding does not adversely affect adjacent ecosystems, land uses or Houses.	A4.1	Any portable sawmill is located at least 100 metres away from any neighbour's property boundary.
P5	The haulage of logs or timber from the Site has minimal impact upon local transport infrastructure and safety.	A5.1	The Council is notified of the expected tonnage, duration and intended haulage routes 90 days prior to these activities, where timber or log haulage is expected to be greater than 100 tonnes within a period of 7 days.
		A5.2	Haulage on local Roads is not carried out during school bus hours.
			AND
			Haulage on unsealed Roads is conducted only during dry weather.