

**REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT**  
**for the**  
**NORTH EAST REGION**  
**of**  
**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**(Upper North East and Lower North East Regions)**

*Progress on the implementation of the  
Regional Forest Agreement for the North East Region*

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## **Introduction**

Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) are separate Agreements between the Australian Government and the State Governments of NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. Based on good science and extensive consultation, the Agreements set out broad strategies to achieve a balance between conservation and a sustainable and competitive forest industry. The Agreements are in place for 20 years.

In NSW there are three RFAs in place covering the North East, Eden and Southern regions. The Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP and the Premier of NSW, the Hon Bob Carr MP, signed the North East RFA on 31 March 2000.

The RFAs are subject to annual reporting during the first five years and thereafter five-yearly reviews, to report progress against milestones. Progress reporting by the Australian and NSW governments (the Parties) on the implementation of the NSW RFAs has been aligned to a financial year basis, being the period 1 July to 30 June each year.

This is the fifth and final North East RFA annual report and provides details on the achievement of milestones for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

## Progress on Milestones

*Note: References to NSW Government agencies are at 30 June 2005.*

Clause	Action	Timeline	Implementation
6	The Parties to determine the process for extending the Agreement for a further period.	As part of the third five-yearly review	Not required until the third five yearly review.
33	Commonwealth to use its best endeavours to secure the enactment of legislation which amends the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999</i> (Cwlth).	30 June 2000	The Australian Government enacted the <i>Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002</i> in May 2002. The Act defines forestry operations, Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) and amended the relevant sections of the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> to reflect these definitions and exempt forestry operations under the RFAs.
39	Parties to report annually on the achievement of milestones in this Agreement.	Annually for the first five years	This is the fifth and final annual report on the achievement of milestones contained in the RFA for North East New South Wales (North East RFA) and covers the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.
42	The Parties to determine the mechanism for the five yearly review.	Before the end of the five-yearly review period	NSW is continuing to develop a scoping agreement (including terms of reference) for the five yearly review. Elements of the scoping agreement that deal with the review of the RFAs will be finalised with the Australian Government following the establishment of a State position.
43	Commonwealth will table the signed RFA in the Commonwealth Parliament.	Following Signature	The signed North East RFA was tabled in the Federal Parliament on 30 May 2001.
43	Commonwealth will table in the Commonwealth Parliament the annual reports of achievement of milestones for the first four years.	Annually	This is the fifth and final annual report for the North East RFA to be tabled in the Federal Parliament.
43	Commonwealth will table in the Commonwealth Parliament the first five-yearly review on performance against milestones and commitments.	Following first five yearly review	Not required until after the first five yearly review. [Refer clause 42]
48(c)	NSW to complete and publish plans of management for areas dedicated under the <i>NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> (NSW).	1 January 2005	Completion of plans of management for areas dedicated under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> are continuing. Of the 339 parks/nature reserves/state conservation areas (SCAs)/historic sites/Aboriginal areas/regional parks in the North East Region, 126 have plans of management adopted by the NSW Minister for the Environment. A further 45 draft plans have been publicly exhibited and another 86 are in preparation with 6 of these being in draft form. The remaining 82 plans of management are yet to be started.  The 2 new reserves since the last reporting period reflects the addition of new reserves in 2004/2005 – Garby Nature Reserve and Saltwater National Park.
48(d)	NSW to complete and publish Regional ESFM Plans for	30 June 2000	Two revised regional ecologically sustainable forest management (ESFM) Plans covering the North East region (ie Upper North

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	State forests.		East and Lower North East) were placed on public display by Forests NSW <sup>1</sup> (FNSW) in early 2005. Further public and State agency comment will be considered prior to finalisation. The final regional ESFM plans are expected to be published in late 2005.
48(e)	NSW to implement the Forest Management Zoning system for the Upper North East and Lower North East regions.	30 June 2000	<p>The Forest Management Zoning (FMZ) system for State forests was publicly announced in March 1999 with the release of the document entitled, <i>Managing Our Forests Sustainably: Forest Management Zoning in NSW State Forests</i>. Implementation of this FMZ system continues in accordance with this document.</p> <p>The FMZ layers for the UNE and LNE regions were attached to draft regional ESFM plans in 2000. Maps showing the FMZ layer are included in the revised regional ESFM plans and will be released with the final regional ESFM plans. Revised regional ESFM plans were on public display in early 2005.</p> <p>The areal extent of FMZ's (including FMZ 8 (lands for further assessment)) are reported on annually in FNSW's corporate <i>Social, Environmental and Economic (SEEding)</i> report.</p>
48(g)	NSW to implement the review and monitoring processes and develop the strategic and operational requirements of sustainable yield systems and processes to enable a review of Sustainable Yield.	1 December 2006.	Development of sustainable yield systems and review of sustainable yield will be considered once the improvements to FRAMES [see Clause 81] are complete. The improvements to FRAMES and sustainable yield systems will contribute to improved strategic and tactical wood flow estimates, and a better understanding of sustainable yield available from the forest estate.
48(h)	NSW to develop and implement environmental management systems.	Within five years of signing	<p>FNSW's EMS system development has continued to progress. FNSW has conducted a review of the significant environmental effect of its business. FNSW have also continued to develop various EMS components including the implementation of a corporate document control system, application of corporate environmental systems and ensuring consistency in the regional standards of its environmental controls. In addition, Regional ESFM plans [refer clause 48(d)] and associated supplementary plans, which form a component of FNSW's EMS, continue to be developed.</p> <p>In 2004/2005 senior management of FNSW approved an audit program for native forest regions to assess the workings of its environmental management systems. The program did not include operational health and safety audits. Auditing in plantation areas was confined to compliance with the EPL and Codes of Practice during this period.</p> <p>FNSW aims to achieve certification to International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 14001, the international standard for an EMS, by early 2006 and it will apply to the plantation and native forest operational divisions.</p> <p>In addition, FNSW is considering the ramifications of certifying its forest area through one of two world certifying systems (Australian Forest Standard (AFS) or Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC)). These systems work either better with native forest or plantation and currently management is uncertain on which system is best for both areas of FNSW business.</p> <p>DEC<sup>2</sup> is developing a Park Management Program that will provide an important component of an EMS. The program will</p>

<sup>1</sup> Forests NSW (formally State Forests of NSW) is now incorporated into the Department of Primary Industries. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) was formed in July 2004, and also incorporates NSW Fisheries, Department of Agriculture and Department of Mineral Resources.

<sup>2</sup> DEC incorporates the National Parks and Wildlife Service (now referred to as the Parks and Wildlife Division), Environment Protection Authority, Botanical Gardens Trust and Resource NSW

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			define DEC's objectives for park management, and integrate park policy, planning, operations, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and feedback. It provides the tools to make better decisions and will also improve coordination across DEC to make it easier for staff to access information to guide park management. One of the components of the program is the State of the Parks program that will form an important part of the monitoring framework that will be part of an EMS. Implementation of the State of the Parks program in 2004/2005 is outlined at Att 6 Point 1(p).
51	NSW to report on compliance of the <i>Integrated Forestry Operations Approval</i> for the Upper North East Region and the <i>Integrated Forestry Operations Approval</i> for the Lower North East Region and furnish the Commonwealth with a copy of these reports.	Annually	Annual reporting on compliance with the integrated forestry operations approvals (IFOAs) for the Upper North East and Lower North East regions has been incorporated into the <i>NSW Forest Agreement Implementation reports</i> that are completed for each financial year (1 July to 30 June). [Refer Att 6 2(f)]
53(d)	Both Parties to further develop, review, and if necessary revise Sustainability Indicators.	In time for the first five-yearly review	A review of sustainability indicators is to be conducted as part of forthcoming five yearly review and will also take into consideration MIG outcomes to ensure consistency between reporting streams.
57	NSW to produce a code of practice for Timber Harvesting of native forest on private lands.	By the first five-yearly review	<p>The <i>Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997</i> was replaced by the <i>Native Vegetation Act 2003</i> (NV Act).</p> <p>In accordance with the NV Act, private native forestry operations will be required to maintain or improve environmental outcomes in accordance with a native vegetation regulation.</p> <p>The code of practice will set minimum operating standards for private native forestry operations to satisfy the "maintain or improve" test that is required by the draft regulation.</p> <p>Initial planning for the draft code of practice is currently occurring and it is expected to be released for public comment in 2006.</p>
58	NSW to complete Code of Practice for Plantations on Private Land.	31 December 2000	<p>This milestone has been achieved through the implementation of the <i>Plantations and Reafforestation (Code) Regulation 2001</i> in December 2001. The <i>Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999</i> and the Code provide certainty for harvesting, which was previously provided under the <i>Timber Plantations (Harvest Guarantee) Act 1995</i>. Plantations certified under the <i>Timber Plantations (Harvest Guarantee) Act</i> are deemed to be authorised under the <i>Plantations and Reafforestation Act</i>.</p> <p>A statutory review of the Act and Code commenced in January 2005. The first stage of the review was the release of a discussion paper in June 2005. The review will include consultation with stakeholders.</p>
81	NSW to review the Forest Resource and Management Evaluation System (FRAMES) and Wood supply.	1 December 2006	<p>The main focus of FRAMES development in the North East has been in the strategic wood modelling area. Key improvements have been achieved through the introduction of <i>Woodstock</i> for yield scheduling analyses. This tool has spatial data linkages that will enable plans to be more readily displayed and interpreted. Improvements have also been achieved in spatial data management and there is an ongoing program of improvement to the growth and yield modelling system. FRAMES biometrics was reviewed with improvements to models based on recent data collection. This work will continue.</p> <p>By the end of 2006, FNSW expects to have completed a broad series of improvements to its FRAMES modelling, including to inventory data used as input, silvicultural and harvesting assumptions, growth modelling, improvements to biometrics within FRAMES, and the architecture of the model itself. These processes will contribute to improved strategic and tactical wood flow estimates, providing a better understanding of sustainable</p>

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			yield available from the forest estate and an excellent foundation for the formal review.
83	Changes in contracted volumes following review to be incorporated in this Agreement and Wood Supply Agreement holders to be advised.	1 December 2006	Changes to contracted volumes were made following the transfer of lands facilitated by the <i>National Park Estate (Reservations) Act 2003</i> .
100	NSW to establish a Research Liaison Committee and publish a list of research priorities.	1 August 2000	No additional meetings of the Research Liaison Committee occurred during this 2004/2005. The list of research priorities remains unpublished at this stage. [Refer also clause 102]
102	NSW to prepare a Compendium of New South Wales Forest Research.	By the first five-yearly review	No further work occurred on the Compendium of NSW Forest Research occurred during 2004/2005. [Refer also clause 100]
105	NSW and the Commonwealth to lodge archival copies of data.	Within six months of signing	Milestone completed for North East RFA region (refer to 2003/2004 annual report).
Att 1A & Att 1 B Point 4	NSW to prepare Plans of Management for Crown Reserves.	1 January 2005	No Crown Reserves, managed by PWD, remain within the North East region. In late 2002 all 11 Crown Reserves were reclassified as State Conservation Areas and are now reported on at Clause 48(c).
Att 1 A Point 5	NSW will finalise boundaries of CAR reserve to enable implementation.	Within six months of signing	Boundaries were established by the assent of the <i>Forestry and National Park Estate Act 1998</i> on 14 December 1998 and adjustments made by 28 February 1999. [Refer Att 1A Point 8 and Att 1B Point 12].
Att 1A Point 8 & Att 1B Point 12	New South Wales to establish all Dedicated Reserve and Informal Reserve components of the CAR Reserve System.	Within six months of signing	Dedicated – All national parks, nature reserves and flora reserves were created by the <i>Forestry and National Park Estate Act</i> assented to on 14 December 1998. Additional areas were added to the dedicated reserve system by the <i>National Park Estate (Reservations) Act 2002</i> assented to on 18 December 2002.  Informal – Crown reserves were created by the <i>Forestry and National Park Estate Act</i> .
Att 3 Point 4	NSW will complete the Threat Abatement Plan for the European Red Fox.	1 July 2000	This milestone has been completed for the North East RFA region (refer to 2003/04 annual report)
Att 2 [sic Att 3] Table 1	NSW to develop Recovery Plans for species listed in Table 1 of Attachment 2 (sic Attachment 3).	Within five years of signing	Recovery Plans continued to be prepared. At the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2005 preparation of 53 of the 68 recovery plans listed in the RFA as a NSW responsibility are underway. Fourteen plans are approved and 12 are drafts that have been publicly exhibited.  However, threatened species reforms in NSW proposed to come into effect in late 2005 will create changes to the statutory requirements for preparing threatened species recovery plans. DEC will be preparing a Priority Action Statement (PAS) that will set out recovery and threat abatement strategies that may be adopted for each threatened species. The PAS will also set out, under these strategies, a framework for developing relative priorities and recovery actions (or “priority actions”) which may include requirements for recovery and threat abatement plans. However, recovery plans will not be obligatory for all threatened species listed in RFAs. Priority actions are being prepared for a suite of species and are expected to be available in late 2005.  [See <a href="http://www.threatenedspecies.environment.nsw.gov.au/index.aspx">http://www.threatenedspecies.environment.nsw.gov.au/index.aspx</a> for further detail, including a list of recovery plans].  <i>Note: A decrease in figures reported in previous years is likely to be due to database anomalies.</i>

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Att 6 1(p)	NSW to publish a <i>State of the Parks</i> report.	1 April 2001	The first <i>State of the Parks</i> report was released in November 2001 with this report providing an overview of the conservation values of NSW and their management within the parks system. The second <i>State of the Parks</i> survey was run in late 2004 with a public report released in June 2005. This report examined key issues for management within NSW parks and included data on the effectiveness of park management.
Att 6 2(b)	NSW will publish Eco Field Guides for the Upper North East Region and the Lower North East Region.	30 June 2000	This milestone has been completed for the North East RFA region. Eco-field guides for the Upper North East and Lower North East regions were published in 2003. (Refer to 2003/04 annual report for further details).
Att 6 2(c)	NSW to publish the <i>Native Forest Silviculture Manual</i> (SFNSW).	31 December 2000	This milestone has been completed for the North East RFA region (refer to 2003/04 annual report for further details).
Att 6 2(d)	NSW to document and publish a description of the NSW Forest Management System covering Public and Private Lands.	In time for the first five-yearly review	A likely approach for completion of this milestone will be to update the overviews of each of the NSW agencies that were contained in the Comprehensive Regional Assessment/Regional Forest Assessment (CRA/RFA) ESFM report, <i>Description of Management Systems and Processes for Achieving Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management in NSW</i> . No further progress on this milestone was made during 2004/2005.
Att 6 2(e)	NSW to publish a description of the methods and results of calculating Sustainable Yield on Public Land.	1 December 2006	Not completed as sustainable yield systems described in clause 48(g) have not been finalised.
Att 6 2(g)	NSW to publish independent audits of Sustainable Yield as outlined in Attachment 12.	For the second and subsequent five-yearly reviews	Milestone not due until the second five yearly review.
Att 6 2(f)	NSW to table in each House of Parliament an annual report on the New South Wales <i>Upper North East Region Forest Agreement</i> and <i>Lower North East Region Forest Agreement</i> in accordance with the <i>Forestry and National Park Estate Act 1998</i> (NSW) which will include an ESFM report and the outcomes of compliance with any Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the regions.	Annually	Preparation of annual <i>NSW Forest Agreement Implementation reports</i> is continuing. These reports for the UNE, LNE, Eden And Southern NSW forest agreements provide progress on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ achievement of milestones in the NSW forest agreements.</li> <li>▪ monitoring of ESFM criteria and indicators (sustainability indicators) by PWD and FNSW.</li> <li>▪ compliance with the IFOAs.</li> </ul> Tabling of the reports will occur when they are finalised. [Refer also Clause 51]
Att 8 1(a)	NSW NPWS will develop an Environmental Management System for lands dedicated under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> (NSW).	1 April 2004	[Refer clause 48(h)]
Att 8 1(b)	SFNSW to develop a Native Forest Management System as an Environmental Management System.	1 April 2001	[Refer clause 48(h)]
Att 8 1(l) [sic provisions]	NSW to incorporate codes of practice that address in an integrated fashion bush and other fires within Regional ESFM Plans and plans of management for areas	By the first five-yearly review	The Parks and Wildlife Division (PWD) <sup>3</sup> of DEC and FNSW ensure an integrated approach to fire management (including prevention, mitigation and suppression) is achieved through their participation in the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee and District Bush Fire Management Committees (Refer to 2003/2004

<sup>3</sup> PWD of DEC encompasses the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

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	dedicated under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> (NSW).		<p>annual report for more details)</p> <p>The PWD also address bushfire management through incorporating ESFM principles into bush fire risk management plans and reserve fire management plans (prepared at the individual reserve level). These address the provisions outlined and are important for risk management, threatened species management and recovery planning. The PWDs' reserve fire management plans are consistent with bush fire risk management plans but have a greater level of detail. These are prepared for reserves where such detail is necessary and a specific document is warranted. Where this level of detail is not required, provisions are incorporated directly in reserve plans of management.</p> <p>Revised regional ESFM plans identify FNSW's fire management commitments. Two revised regional ESFM plan for the Upper North East and Lower North East regions were on public display in early 2005 and are expected to be finalised in late 2005 [Refer 48 (d)]. FNSW's Corporate Fuel Management Plan (or the Corporate Fire Management Strategy/Plan, as it is referred to in revised ESFM plans) is under review by FNSW Fire Management Branch and it will be open for FNSW internal comment in 2006. This corporate plan will provide a strategic framework for integrated management of FNSW managed forests and be supplemented by regional fuel management plans and fuel management programs.</p>
Att 8 1(m)	NSW to incorporate within the Regional ESFM Plans and Plans of Management under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> integrated feral animal and weed control programs.	By the first five yearly review.	<p>FNSW has finalised the model (strategic) plans for weeds and for feral animals and introduced predators following discussions with NSW regulatory agencies. As discussed in revised regional ESFM plans, FNSW regions will develop a weed management plan and a pest animal management plan. These plans will be based on the model to ensure consistency. The plans will include details of the objectives, strategies and co-operative arrangements for the management of priority pest animals and weeds within each FNSW region. Finalisation of plans for each FNSW region is expected to occur by the end of 2007.</p> <p>DEC plans of management identify priority pest and weed problems and the need for actions which are in turn addressed by statewide threat abatement plans or regional pest management strategies. Regional pest management strategies outline objectives and strategies for managing priority pest animals and weeds across the DEC estate; aim to maximise the effectiveness of pest control programs; and outline how DEC will co-operatively manage pest issues across the landscape with other State government land management agencies, local government, Rural Lands Protection Boards, landowners and community groups.</p>
Att 8 1(n)	NSW to establish a process, including public reporting, for regular audits of compliance and reviews of Codes of Practice, Eco-Field Guides and Regional Prescriptions.	1 December 2002	<p>FNSW has defined its audit procedure in Circular 2003/01 <i>Monitoring and Measuring Compliance of Operations</i>. FNSW publicly reports, at a statewide level, compliance and monitoring results in its <i>SEEing</i> report each year. As part of the implementation of FNSW EMS all operational control documents will be regularly reviewed and updated in accordance with the required time frames within the final documents or as per FNSW standard operating procedures.</p> <p>DEC audits and enforces FNSW' compliance with the Threatened Species Licences (TSL) and Environment Protection Licence (EPL) which form part of the IFOAs. The audit program ensures that FNSW is taking the required measures to protect threatened species and the aquatic environment through responsible planning and operational activities.</p> <p>DPI Fisheries<sup>4</sup> carry out opportunistic threatened species compliance activities in relation to forestry operations where they coincide with other fishery compliance duties. DPI Fisheries</p>

<sup>4</sup> DPI Fisheries was formally known as NSW Fisheries

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			<p>investigate complaints when received.</p> <p>Information on TSL and EPL compliance throughout the year is provided in the NSW forest agreement reports each year, as described under clause 51. Further details on compliance audits are shown at Att 8 1(n) below.</p>
Att 8 1(n)	NSW to undertake audits as described above.	By the first and subsequent five-yearly reviews of the Agreement	<p>During 2004/2005 EPL coverage applied to 84 separate forestry operations. There were 233 operations where harvesting occurred without EPL coverage. The TSL applied to 317 forestry operations during the period in the region.</p> <p>DEC conducted 6 proactive operational and/or planning audits of forestry operations in the UNE region for this period, identifying a total of 156 non-compliances with licence conditions. 127 non-compliances related to the EPL requirements, 29 non-compliances were recorded against the TSL.</p> <p>DEC also received 4 community complaints regarding water pollution and threatened species breaches in the NE RFA region. All these matters were investigated by DEC.</p> <p>As a result of these audits and investigations, DEC provided feedback and sent five warning letters to FNSW outlining the issues of non-compliance identified. FNSW was required to undertake remedial work at 12 sites and seek expert soil conservation advice on four occasions. Three penalty notices were issued following audits in the NE region. Regulatory action is outstanding for a separate LNE region audit.</p> <p>DEC also finalised prosecution action regarding a collapsed road in Chichester State Forest. FNSW pleaded guilty to the offence of water pollution and were fined \$30 000 and required to pay DEC's costs by the Land and Environment Court.</p> <p>DPI Fisheries report that there were no known contraventions of the Threatened Species Licence under the <i>Fisheries Management Act</i> during 2004/2005.</p> <p>FNSW undertake internal monitoring of its compliance with the conditions of the IFOAs. These audits are undertaken separately of those undertaken by DEC and DPI-Fisheries. Auditing by FNSW allows it to identify possible breaches of conditions of the IFOAs and where better management/processes need to be implemented. During 2004/2005, FNSW identified 349 incidents of non-compliance out of a potential 96 135 compliance checks (or 0.4% non-compliance rate). Most of the non-compliance incidents recorded were related to flora and fauna (44%). Non compliance related to soil and water quality (23%) and other issues such as safety (33%). No incidents related to fish habitat and passage were recorded.</p>
Att 8 1(o)	NSW will establish demonstration areas in both the Upper North East Region and the Lower North East Region for illustrating silvicultural practices and the suite of silvicultural regimes practiced.	1 April 2001	Three demonstration areas have been established in the Lower North East Region and are used to assist in training of forest operators. These areas cover a range of forest types and silvicultural regimes permissible under the IFOA.
Att 8 1(q)	NSW will develop a model to predict recruitment and maintenance of habitat trees over time.	31 December 2010.	Milestone not due until 2010, but is under development.
Att 8 1(s)	NSW will publish the <i>Native Forest Silviculture Manual</i> (SFNSW).	31 December 2000	Refer Att 6 (2) (c)
Att 12 Part B	SFNSW will complete the enhancement of FRAMES,	1 December	In relation to enhancement of FRAMES, see Clause 81.

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15	commission and publish an independent review of the enhanced system and review the timber and annual volume to be harvested from 2007 – 2018.	2006.	Improvements to FRAMES are yet to be finalised. Therefore, an independent review of enhanced FRAMES has not been commissioned.  In relation to review wood supply volumes, see Clause 83.
Att 12 Part C 19	Subject to availability of suitable land, NSW will purchase Private Lands and/or timber rights to supply High Quality Large Sawlogs and Large Veneer Logs.	31 December 2004	In 2004/2005, one additional property was purchased in the LNE region. This property covers an area of 26 hectares and contains an estimated 646 m <sup>3</sup> of high quality quota sawlogs. FNSW will undertake forest management zoning on this property prior to harvesting. Cumulatively, eleven properties have been purchased in the UNE and LNE regions as part of the Private Property Timber Supplementation Program.  Additionally, one Timber Sale Agreement for the purchase of timber rights was implemented in the LNE Region this year.
Att 12 Part C 19	Subject to availability of suitable land NSW will establish at least 10 000 hectares of hardwood plantations.	31 December 2004	No new areas of hardwood plantation were established in 2004/2005. However, cumulatively, since 1999, FNSW has successfully established 7543 hectares of hardwood plantation in the region.
Att 12 Part D 21 Dot 5	Use best endeavours to undertake an inventory of private forests to determine the basis of yield of wood products.	Within five years of signature.	Inventory on private land is being considered.
Att 12 Part E 22 Dot 4	Report on the annual production of all timber products.	Annually	This milestone is reported on in the <i>NSW Forest Agreement Implementation report</i> each year.
Att 12 Part E 22 Dot 6	Monitor FRAMES through comparison of actual versus predicted volumes.	Annually	There are a number of issues related to information on actual yields against FRAMES estimates that have hindered comprehensive reporting. These problems are to be addressed by further studies of yield regulation processes and development of a systematic harvest event recording system built on geo-database technology.
Att 12 Part E 23	NSW will undertake independent audits of the progress of the Sustainable Wood Supply Strategy.	To be completed in time for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> five-yearly reviews.	Milestone not yet due but approach is being considered.

## Acronyms

CRA/RFA	Comprehensive Regional Assessment/Regional Forest Assessment
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DPI	Department of Primary Industries
EMS	Environmental Management System
EPL	Environment Protection Licence
ESFM	Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management
FMZ	Forest Management Zone
FNSW	Forests NSW
FRAMES	Forest Resource and Management Evaluation System
GIS	Geographic Information System
IFOA	Integrated Forestry Operations Approval
PWD	Parks and Wildlife Division
RFA	Regional Forest Agreement
SCA	State Conservation Area
SEEing	Social, Environmental and Economic report
TSL	Threatened Species Licence