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MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FOREST REGION MANAGEMENT PLANS

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The proponent fulfilling the commitments given in the Management Plans.
- 2. Noting that:
 - (1) Beavis-Giblett Block is proposed to remain as State Forest;
 - (2) the Block will be managed as a strategic fire buffer;
 - (3) the purpose and tenure of the Block will be reviewed at the expiry of the term of the Southern Forest Region Management Plan, within 10 years;
 - (4) the Executive Director has undertaken that the Block will not be logged for 15 years, thereby preserving the option for its reservation as intact forest at some time in the future;

the Beavis-Giblett Block shall be managed accordingly, subject to the undertaking referred to above.

3. Management plans that will be prepared for those proposed Nature Reserves and Conservation Parks related to the existing Dalgarup, Lennard, Mullalyup, Preston, Noggerup, Mowen and Dardanup Management Priority Areas shall include detailed management proposals for those portions of the Management Priority Areas which have the capacity for direct interaction with the reserved area and will remain within State Forest, to ensure protection of the ecological values within the Nature Reserve and Conservation Parks.

4. As the viewshed from the Blackwood River within the Blackwood River Management Priority Area will be reserved as a Conservation Park, the remainder of the existing Management Priority Area shall be managed to ensure protection of the conservation, landscape and recreation values within the Conservation Park. The area management plan for the Conservation Park shall include detailed management proposals for that portion of the Management Priority Area that will remain within State forest.

5. Noting that:

(1) CALM is now preparing a review of road, river and stream zones, including an analysis of results of research on logging in trial areas;

the existing area and purpose of the system of road, river and stream zones in the Southern Forest Region shall not be altered (in accordance with the proponent's commitments) and no logging shall occur in these zones, until the proposed review by the proponent has been completed and the Environmental Protection Authority has reported on them. This review should include consideration of silvicultural practices within the zones.

6. Noting that:

- (1) all State Forest includes significant conservation values;
- (2) the need for on-going management of these values in production State Forest has been recognised by CALM;
- (3) monitoring and research of environmental impacts is part of CALM's activities; and
- (4) CAIM has a commitment to providing public information;

the proponent shall continue to make public, on a regular basis, the monitoring and reporting of environmental impacts of management of State Forest.

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