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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

**EXPORT OF WOODCHIPS FROM *EUCALYPTUS GLOBULUS* PLANTATIONS (689)**

**BUNNINGS FOREST PRODUCTS PTY LTD**

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

**1 Proponent Commitments**

The proponent has made a number of environmental management commitments in order to protect the environment.

- 1-1 In implementing the proposal, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments (which are not inconsistent with the conditions or procedures contained in this statement) made in the Consultative Environmental Review and in response to issues raised following public submissions. These commitments are consolidated in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 687. (A copy of the commitments is attached.)

**2 Implementation**

Changes to the proposal which are not substantial may be carried out with the approval of the Minister for the Environment.

- 2-1 Subject to these conditions, the manner of detailed implementation of the proposal shall conform in substance with that set out in any designs, specifications, plans or other technical material submitted by the proponent to the Environmental Protection Authority with the proposal. Where, in the course of that detailed implementation, the proponent seeks to change those designs, specifications, plans or other technical material in any way that the Minister for the Environment determines on the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, is not substantial, those changes may be effected.

**3 Proponent**

These conditions apply to the nominated proponent.

- 3-1 No transfer of ownership, control or management of the project which would give rise to a need for the replacement of the proponent shall take place until the Minister for the Environment has advised the proponent that approval has been given for the nomination of a replacement proponent. Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

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#### **4 Time Limit on Approval**

The environmental approval for the proposal is limited.

- 4-1 If the proponent has not substantially commenced the project within five years of the date of this statement, then the approval to implement the proposal as granted in this statement shall lapse and be void. The Minister for the Environment shall determine any question as to whether the project has been substantially commenced. Any application to extend the period of five years referred to in this condition shall be made before the expiration of that period, to the Minister for the Environment by way of a request for a change in the condition under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act. (On expiration of the five year period, further consideration of the proposal can only occur following a new referral to the Environmental Protection Authority.)

#### **5 Compliance Auditing**

In order to ensure that environmental conditions and commitments are met, an audit system is required.

- 5-1 The proponent shall prepare periodic "Progress and Compliance Reports", to help verify the environmental performance of this project, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority.

#### **Procedure**

- 1 The Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for verifying compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, with the exception of conditions stating that the proponent shall meet the requirements of either the Minister for the Environment or any other government agency.
- 2 If the Environmental Protection Authority, other government agency or proponent is in dispute concerning compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, that dispute will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.

#### **Note**

These conditions apply to the proposal to harvest and export up to 70,000 tonnes per year of *Eucalyptus globulus* woodchips from private plantations over the five years from 1993 to 1997 inclusive, but not exceeding a total of 163,000 tonnes over the 5-year period.

Kevin Minson MLA  
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

18 NOV 1993

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## Environmental Commitments

Environmental commitments relating to land privately owned by W A Chip and Pulp (WACAP) or Bunnings Forest Products (BFP)

1. BFP will ensure that its operations do not cause land degradation.
2. BFP will continue to manage young regrowing native trees on land purchased by WACAP or BFP, should those trees in BFP's opinion, be of sufficient quality and quantity for retention as future sawlogs and paperwood trees.
3. BFP will develop a code of harvesting practice based on CALM's Code of Logging Practice (1990) and its complementary Manual of Hardwood Specifications (1990) and other similar codes in force in other parts of Australia. This code will include management practices for:-
  - river and stream crossings;
  - road construction;
  - road drainage;
  - log storage and sorting area placement;
  - snig track placement;
  - soil disturbance during wet weather;
  - rehabilitation of log storage and sorting areas;
  - harvesting and planting of steep slopes;
  - maximum utilisation of each tree; and
  - retention of vegetation alongside perennial and other recognised streams.
4. BFP will continue to take reasonable precautions to minimise fire damage by:-
  - consulting with officers of the Bushfires Board;
  - becoming a financial member of the local fire brigade in each area in which BFP has a plantation;
  - liaising with Shire appointed Fire Officers; and
  - maintaining fire fighting equipment.
5. BFP will, in areas where it owns land destined for plantation development, maintain contact with, and where invited join, District Committees set up in Land Conservation Districts nominated under the Soil and Land Conservation Act (1945-82).
6. BFP will continue to establish trial and demonstration plantings aimed at increasing the efficiency of tree establishment, growth and harvesting and will inform other land owners of such improvements.
7. BFP will ensure the genetic diversity and integrity of the tree farms under its supervision by maintaining controls on the use of seed in regeneration.

Environmental commitments relating to land privately owned by others (mainly farmers)

8. BFP will continue to liaise with bodies such as the Western Australian Farmers' Federation (WAFF) to educate and motivate farmers into establishing tree plantations on private property.
9. BFP will develop a 'Code of Harvesting Practice' for contractors harvesting wood from private property, whether from native trees or plantation. Participants in BFP's share farming scheme will be requested to adopt this code. The code will be similar to that being developed on BFP's (WACAP) private land (see Commitment 3 above).
10. BFP supervisors will visit the site of harvesting operations on private property to monitor production.
11. BFP supervisors will administer the code and enforce penalties to the extent of BFP's authority.
12. BFP will reduce paperwood supply quotas of harvesting contractors who do not carry out harvesting operations in an acceptable manner.
13. BFP will engage additional staff as required.
14. BFP will discourage the clearing on private property of remnant stands of native trees worthy of retention.

Note: BFP's other listed commitments relate to safety or compliance with other legislation, so it is not necessary to ensure their compliance under an environmental approval.



MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT;  
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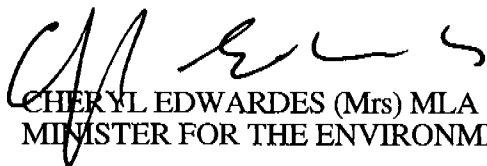
**EXPORT OF WOODCHIPS FROM EUCALYPTUS GLOBULUS  
PLANTATIONS (STATEMENT 330)**

The Chairman of the EPA has provided me with advice in relation to your two letters of 29 July and 3 December 1997 seeking approval to increase by approximately 10,000 tonnes the 5-year volume of woodchips from the above species.

I have determined that the requested change to the Ministerial Statement of 18 November 1993 that the proposal may be implemented, is not substantial. Accordingly, you may proceed to implement the change.

You will be aware that this approval has not removed the necessity to obtain other approvals which may be required.

Yours faithfully



CHERYL EDWARDES (Mrs) MLA  
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

17 DEC 1997