

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO EAST GIPPSLAND REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT is made on the 20 day of January.....2017

BETWEEN

THE STATE OF VICTORIA (“the State”); and

THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA (“the Commonwealth”)

WHEREAS

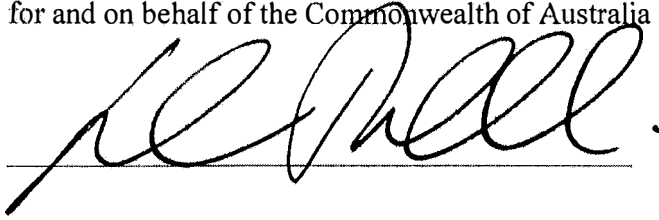
- A. The State and Commonwealth entered into a Regional Forest Agreement (“Agreement”) in relation to the East Gippsland region on 3 February 1997. The Agreement establishes the framework for the management of the forests of East Gippsland.
- B. The State and Commonwealth share a common policy intent to provide stability for forest industries in the East Gippsland region through the continuation of the Agreement while the Victorian Forest Industry Taskforce of major stakeholders process is underway by extending the duration of the Agreement until 27 March 2018.
- C. In amending the Agreement, the State and Commonwealth are aligning the date the Agreement remains in force with the Regional Forest Agreement for the Central Highlands. This will facilitate the completion of the third five-yearly review of the Victorian Regional Forest Agreements.
- D. The State and Commonwealth are committed to undertaking a third five-yearly review of the five Victorian Regional Forest Agreements. The State and Commonwealth agree that an amendment to the duration of the Agreement until 27 March 2018 will facilitate the third five-yearly review.

NOW IT IS AGREED as follows:

- 1. For clause 4 of the Agreement substitute:

“This Agreement takes effect upon signing by both parties and will remain in force until 27 March 2018.”
- 2. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts. All executed counterparts constitute one document.

SIGNED by
The HONOURABLE MALCOLM TURNBULL MP, Prime Minister
for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia



in the presence of:



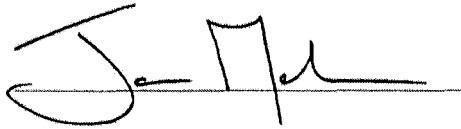
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for and on behalf of the State of Victoria

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