

9th August 2021

Dear Stakeholder,

Bunbury Fibre Exports Pty Ltd (BFE) is a plantation woodchip export company operating from Berth 8, Bunbury Harbour, Western Australia. BFE sources plantation grown blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) from corporate and private plantation growers (grown on private property) throughout the south west of Western Australia.

BFE processes and exports approximately 300,000 tonnes of wood chip annually into the Japanese and Chinese pulp and paper markets. BFE is supported by 4 harvest and haulage contractors. All of BFE's contractor base is locally sourced (under contractual arrangements) and BFE has a strong history of sourcing locally based support services.

BFE currently has Forest Stewardship Council® [FSC International](#), (FSC®) certification for Chain of Custody (CoC) and Controlled Wood (CW) under [FSC Controlled Wood Standard](#) (FSC-STD-40-005-V3-1EN). Under this standard BFE maintains and reviews a Due Diligence (DD) process for sourcing privately grown NON certified forest resource in the south west region. Under the requirements of this Standard, BFE is required to consult with stakeholders as one of the Risk Mitigation control measures. The stakeholder consultation is required to be undertaken in relationship to the impact of harvest and haulage operations on,

➤ **High Conservation Values (HCV's)**

**As an identified stakeholder, BFE and FSC hereby invite you to have an input to BFE's management of HCV's in this respect.**

The BFE process for the Management of HCV's is as follows;

- Approach to BFE by private grower to harvest plantation products
- Desk top data search via the High Conservations Values (HCV) Evaluation Framework FSC Australia, Version 1-0 June 2019, for HCV's with a specified risk as identified in FSC Australia National Risk Assessment for Australia (FSC-NRA-AU V1-0) that may be impacted by Harvest and Haulage operations. These include
  - **HCV 4 -Forests that provide basic services of nature in critical situations. These are Forests that provide Critical Eco system services including protection of water catchments and control of erosion on vulnerable soils and slopes**
  - **HCV 6 - Forest areas critical to local communities' traditional cultural identity. These sites are inclusive of resources, habitats and landscapes of global and national cultural, archeological or historical significance and/or of critical cultural, ecological, economic or religious or sacred importance for the traditional cultures of local communities or Indigenous peoples identified through engagement with local communities or Indigenous communities**
- Ground inspection by BFE staff of the plantation to identify possible and previously identified HCV's and impacts, plantation areas, roads and haulage routes
- If any HCV's are identified BFE undertakes a one to one engagement with the relevant authority or custodian and other relevant stakeholders to determine the risk and risk mitigation that will be required to successfully undertake the operation. NOTE – if the assessed risk and impact on the HCV is too great or the HCV cannot be protected during the harvest operation BFE reserves the right to reject the harvest operation and purchase of the plantation products from the grower.
- Production of a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) with all HCV's identified and mitigation measures required to protect the HCV
- Harvest operations staff briefed and control measures put in place
- Harvest operation conducted
- Harvest operations supervised
- Harvest operation reviewed
- Harvest area handed back to the private property owner with HCV's intact
- Audit of the harvest area during BFE FSC annual compliance audit by the BFE Certifying Body (CB).



BFE invites you make comment on this or have BFE staff explain this process to you in more detail. BFE will take any relevant comments and feedback and use this to better enhance BFE's approach and management of the procurement and timber harvest process and management of private property harvest operations in the south west of Western Australia. BFE would like to receive your comments by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

While all feedback is welcome there is no obligation on you to participate in this process.

Should you supply a reply, BFE would like to publish this feedback and comments on the BFE website (***exports.bunburyfibre.com.au***)

There will be NO names published with any feedback. Should you wish your feedback to remain private and confidential please indicate this clearly in your reply to BFE.

Please address all feedback to

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Thank you in advance for your time to read this information.

Yours sincerely  
Bunbury Fibre Exports Pty Ltd