

AMENDMENT No. 2 TO INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATIONS APPROVAL FOR THE RIVERINA RED GUM REGION.

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Reasons for amendments

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1. Amendments to the Non Licence Terms

1.1. Specify volume of timber produced by early thinning as 212,220 tonnes from 1 July 2013 until 30 June 2019

The reason for this amendment is to extend the existing early thinnings program from 1 July 2012 through to 30 June 2019, at a volume of 35,370 tonnes per annum (total 212,220 tonnes). An Independent Panel determined that these volumes of early thinnings could be sustainably harvested to promote the growth of high quality timber. The Independent Panel report was provided to both Ministers for their consideration. A further resource assessment will be undertaken prior to 2019 to determine what volumes will be sustainable post 2019.

2. Amendments to the Threatened Species Licence.

2.1. Removal of targeted survey requirements for Regent Parrot and additional restrictions in Regent Parrot habitat.

This amendment removes conditions requiring the development and conduct of a targeted survey for Regent Parrots and replace it with additional restrictions in Regent parrot habitat including:

- adding additional areas to the Riverina Forests Drainage Protection Map;
- application of an additional 50 metre buffer and 100 cm diameter at breast height limit to the additional lands identified in the Riverina Forests Drainage Protection Map; and
- seasonal restrictions to harvesting in Regent Parrot Nest Tree Zones.

These amendments are made to improve protection for the Regent parrot in the Riverina Red Gum IFOA region.