

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATIONS APPROVAL FOR RIVERINA RED GUM

#### Reasons for amendments

The current amending instrument constitutes amendments to the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA) for the Riverina Red Gum region.

#### 1. Amendments to the General Terms

##### **1.1 These amendments allow residue operations to continue at current annual volume rates until 31 December 2015.**

These amendments allow the industry to continue operating beyond 30 June 2014 and allow the NSW Government to amend the volume of residue that can be harvested from Western Land Leases should further information come to light outside the scheduled review periods.

The amendments also account for variation in residue harvesting by allowing for yearly shortfalls and overruns in timber volumes, as long as the maximum cap for the total period is not exceeded.