

**TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FOREST
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Introduction

Regional Forest Agreements (RFA) are separate Agreements between the Australian Government and the State Governments of NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. Based on good science and extensive consultation, the Agreements set out broad strategies to achieve a balance between conservation and a sustainable and competitive forest industry. The Agreements are in place for 20 years.

Tasmania is covered in a single RFA. The Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP and the Premier of Tasmania, the Hon Anthony Rundle MHA, signed the Tasmanian RFA on 8 November 1997.

The RFAs are subject to annual reporting during the first five years and thereafter five-yearly reviews, to report progress against milestones.

On 13 May 2005 the Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP and the Premier of Tasmania, the Hon Paul Lennon MHA, signed the Supplementary Tasmanian RFA known as the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement (TCFA).

Ministers, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald and the Hon Bryan Green MHA, subsequently agreed that the Governments would jointly prepare a progress report of achievements against milestones and commitments contained in the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement until 2010.

This is the second progress report for the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement and provides details on the achievement of milestones under the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

Details of progress prior to 1 July 2006 are provided in the first progress report.

Progress on Implementation of Agreed Commitments and Milestones

Clause	Commitment	Milestone	Progress with Implementation in 2006-07
3	The Parties to fully implement the actions recommended in the Report of the Inquiry on the progress with Implementation of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (2002), subject to the exception outlined in clause 5	No date	The recommended actions have either been fully implemented or are continuing to be implemented. A detailed report on each action was provided as part of the 2007 RFA Five Year Review. The Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement has superseded some of the recommended actions.
5	Recovery Plans will continue to be the mechanism for compliance with the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	No date	The Australian and Tasmanian Governments have approved 10 new recovery plans for EPBC Act listed species associated with Tasmanian forests. A further six new recovery plans that include EPBC Act listed species are being progressed. A number of these are multi-species plans.
6	The Parties to protect one million hectares of old growth forest – 977,000 hectares on public land, 30,000 hectares minimum on private land	No date	The area of old growth forest protected in formal and informal reserves on public land at 30 June 2006 was 978,220 hectares. See clause 21 for progress on protecting old growth on private land.
7	The Parties to add approximately 141,000 hectares of public land to the CAR Reserve System	June 2006	The State added 146,800 hectares of public land to the CAR reserve system arising from the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement prior to 1 July 2006. The 141,000 hectares to be added to the CAR reserve system includes 1400 hectares of Hydro private land and 500 hectares of Commonwealth land yet to be reserved (see clauses 13 and 15).
8	The Parties agree that all additional protected areas on public land will remain available for mineral exploration and mining under the <i>Mineral Resources Development Act 1995</i> in accordance with clause 79 of the RFA and subject to any requirements under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	No date	Completed in 2005-06. All of the new reserves on public land are available for mineral exploration and mining under the <i>Mineral Resources Development Act 1995</i> .
9	The State to finalise the boundaries of the new reserves, with the exception of Commonwealth owned land, at a scale of 1:25,000.	June 2006	Completed in 2005-06.
10	The State to submit plans of new Formal Reserves to Parliament for approval	June 2006	Completed in 2005-06.
11	The State to finalise informal reserve boundaries and identify on Management Decision Classification maps and manage these areas for protection of CAR values, subject to field verification of the existence and extent of those values.	June 2006	Completed in 2005-06.

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12	The State to progressively amend Forest Management Plans to include new Formal and Informal reserves	June 2008	Forestry Tasmania has commenced the process for revising Forest Management Plans in accordance with the <i>Forestry Act 1920</i> . A new management plan to cover all State Forest will be prepared in 2008. An invitation has been issued for the public to register their interest in the process.
13	The Commonwealth to protect approximately 500 hectares of Commonwealth owned land as informal reserves. These reserves will be included in new or revised management plans prepared with public participation.	30 June 2008	The Australian Government has begun investigations to determine what actions are required to finalise this issue. A Management Plan for this area will be developed in conjunction with other informal reserves. The Australian Government (through the Department of Defence and the Department of Environment and Water Resources) will assist in providing information specific to the area.
14	The State to protect 3900 hectares of old growth forest on unallocated Crown land pending completion of the Crown Land Assessment and Classification Project	No date	All identified areas of old growth on unallocated Crown land are being managed for protection pending implementation of the outcomes of the Crown Land Assessment and Classification project (CLAC). The CLAC assessment has been completed with more than 107,000 hectares of unallocated Crown land and Public Reserves including nearly 6,000 separate parcels being assessed. Of this, some 78,600 hectares has been recommended for reservation under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2002</i> and a further 14,200 hectares recommended to be reserved (or retained) as Public Reserves under the <i>Crown Lands Act 1976</i> . In virtually all cases where old growth forest was mapped as present, the property has been recommended for reservation. It is expected that the Parliamentary process to implement the outcomes of the review will occur during 2007-08.
15	The State to protect 3500 hectares of old growth forest on Hydro Tasmania vested land pending a review of Hydro Tasmania's infrastructure management needs. Old growth forest on land not required by Hydro Tasmania to be protected.	Post Hydro review	Hydro Tasmania is protecting all identified areas of old growth forest on Crown land vested to Hydro Tasmania pending the finalisation of the review of Hydro Tasmania's land requirements. The review of Hydro Tasmania's infrastructure is virtually complete. Boundaries of areas to be divested have been identified and procedures for the inclusion of these areas in the CAR reserve system commenced. It is expected that this process will be completed in 2007-08.
15	Hydro Tasmania to covenant 1300 hectares of sub-alpine forest on its freehold land	No date	Discussions have progressed between Hydro Tasmania and the Department of Primary Industries and Water with a view to covenanting the identified areas under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2002</i> . Hydro Tasmania is close to completing maps of the areas to be covenanted. A draft covenant agreement is being finalised. It is expected this commitment will be met during 2007-08.

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16	The Parties agree that any changes to those elements of the CAR Reserve System in Informal Reserves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will only occur in accordance with the RFA; and - will maintain the level of protection of identified values at the regional scale; and - that information on all such changes will be publicly available. 	Ongoing	These requirements are being applied to the new Informal Reserves.
17	The State to maintain records of all changes to informal reserves and net impact on CAR reserve values changes will be recorded	Ongoing and reported as part of five year RFA review	Forestry Tasmania continues to maintain records of all changes to Informal Reserves on State Forest and CAR values within changed areas. Information on changes was reported as part of the 2007 RFA Five Year Review.
18	The State to provide digital data of new formal and informal reserves to the Commonwealth	June 2006	Completed in 2005-06.
19	The Parties to ensure access to data continues to be provided in accordance with clause 90 and Attachment 14 of the RFA	Ongoing	Data access arrangements have been maintained. Boundaries of all Formal Reserves and Informal Reserves are publicly available data in the Tasmanian Land Information System (LIST).
20	The Parties to co-operate to improve the protection of Old Growth forest on private land, particularly for forest communities that complement the new reserves on public land	Ongoing	Tasmania has continued to cooperate with the Australian Government in the design and implementation of the Australian Government's Forest Conservation Fund program.
21	The Commonwealth to establish, administer and fund a new market-based program [the Forest Conservation Program] to protect and manage up to 45,600 hectares of forested private land, additional to that secured under the Private Forest Reserve Program, targeting old growth forest and under reserved communities.	Ongoing	See response to clauses 23 and 24 for progress on the Forest Conservation Fund (FCF).
21	The program will include a component, capped at \$3.6 million, to protect up to 2400 hectares of forested land in the Mole Creek area	30 June 2008	The Australian Government has developed the details of the program. Applications closed in February 2007. It is expected that six properties will be purchased under the program in early 2007-08. See http://www.environment.gov.au/land/forestpolicy/mole-creek/index.html for further information.

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23	The Parties to jointly develop and manage the Forest Conservation Fund program through a steering committee and consult with Tasmanian private forest owner representatives on design and implementation	Ongoing	A joint Steering Committee has been formed to manage the program. An Advisory Group, with representatives of key stakeholders, has been established and has met on several occasions. The Service Provider has been appointed to manage the on-ground delivery of the program. The first round of the program commenced in March 2007. The first 24 covenants are expected to be approved in early 2007-08. See http://www.environment.gov.au/land/forestpolicy/fcf/index.html for further information.
24	The Parties to develop a strategic plan under which the Forest Conservation Fund will be administered	September 2005	Completed in 2005-06.
25	The State will establish conservation covenants on land titles on protected under the Forest Conservation Fund. The Commonwealth to reimburse the State all costs associated with covenanting the land.	Ongoing	To 30 June 2007, no land has been protected under the Forest Conservation Fund, so this commitment is yet to be triggered.
26	The State to provide monitoring and management support services to owners of covenanted land	Ongoing	The Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage and the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries and Water have agreed on the arrangements for provision of monitoring and support services.
26	The Commonwealth to provide \$5.5 million to the State for ongoing monitoring and management support services to owners of covenanted land	30 June 2006	Completed in 2005-06.
27	The Parties agree that the Private Forest Reserves Program will continue until 30 June 2006, at which time the Program will cease	30 June 2006	Completed in 2005-06. The Private Forest Reserves Program formally ceased on 30 th June 2006. However, the State, in agreement with the Australian Government, is proceeding to finalise outstanding Private Forest Reserves Program covenants.
28	The Parties agree to negotiate a new financial agreement for the use of the remaining Private Forest Reserves Program NHT funds held by the State	No date	Completed in 2005-06.
28	The State to transfer any remaining Private Forest Reserves Program NHT funds to the Forest Conservation Fund program	30 June 2006	Final reconciliation of accounts as at 30 June 2006 was completed. Tasmania will transfer all remaining Private Forest Reserves Program NHT funds to the Forest Conservation Fund in 2007-08.
29	The State to transfer any remaining Private Forest Reserves Program State Trust Fund funds, at 30 June 2006, to a State Private Property Vegetation Conservation program	30 June 2006	Final reconciliation of accounts as at 30 June 2006 was completed. Tasmania will transfer all remaining Private Forest Reserves Program State Trust Fund funds to the Private Property Vegetation Conservation Program in 2007-08.

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30	The Parties to joint funding of a package of forest management and operations, industry development and research and development activities for reducing clearfelling of old growth forest on State forest	2010	The Operating Plan for the Australian Government funded Research into Alternatives to Clearfelling in Old Growth Forests Program, approved in 2005-06 is being implemented. Harvesting of ten variable retention coupes was completed and most successfully burnt and regenerated. All harvested coupes were subject to safety audits. Guides to implementing variable retention have been prepared.
31	The State to publicly report the area of public old growth harvested by silviculture technique each year	Annually	The area of old growth harvested on public land is reported in Forestry Tasmania's annual Sustainable Forest Management Report. The area of old growth harvested on State forest in 2005-06 was 1,955 hectares, of which 770 hectares (39%) was clearfelled.
32	The State to review progress in achieving safety, regeneration and log supply objectives through the new old growth forest silviculture	2007	Operational outcomes and research progress are being reviewed. Forestry Tasmania has established an international science panel. A major international conference <i>Old Forests, New Management</i> is being organised for February 2008 in Hobart. The review will be informed by the conference proceedings and will be completed in 2008.
33	The Parties agree that, further to clauses 75 to 77 of the RFA, further Intensive Forest Management will be used to mitigate the impact of the new reserves and the reduction in use of clearfelling in old growth forest	Ongoing	See report on clause 34
34	The State to deliver an integrated program of existing plantation productivity improvement, new plantation establishment and enhanced native forest thinning designed to maintain RFA targets for sustainable sawlog and veneer supplies to industry from State Forests	2010	To 30 June 2007 the State has delivered on State forest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1882 hectares of new plantation established • 3770 hectares of land prepared for planting in Spring 2007 • 5441 hectares of existing eucalypt plantation pruned • 2726 hectares of existing eucalypt plantation fertilised • 900 hectares of native forest regrowth thinned
36	The State to deliver management and planning of new reserves on public land	Ongoing	All new reserves on public land are being managed by Forestry Tasmania or the Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment as part of their larger land estate and consistent with relevant reserve management objectives and the Tasmanian Reserve Management Code of Practice 2003.
37	The Parties agree that the management arrangements for new reserves in north west Tasmania will involve consultation with Aboriginal and other communities to maintain access for traditional land uses and to maintain cultural links and uses, consistent with conservation values	Ongoing	The Cradle Coast Authority has convened a stakeholder advisory group to provide a forum for information sharing. The Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment and Forestry Tasmania are represented on this group.

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38	The State to phase out the use of 1080 on State Forest	December 2005	Completed in 2005-06. The use of 1080 on State forests ceased from 31 December 2005.
39	The Parties to work collaboratively on a joint program to accelerate research into and implementation of alternatives to 1080 for browsing animal control on private forest and agricultural lands. The Commonwealth to provide \$4 million in a research, field testing and demonstration program of alternative options for private landholders and work with the State to continue to reduce usage of 1080 on private lands.	30 June 2007	The agreed Operating Plan for the program is being implemented. The Plan sets out the agreed objectives, outputs, governance, reporting, communications strategy and milestones for the program. A Strategic Plan was prepared and approved by Ministers. A peer reviewed report " <i>Research into Alternatives to the Use of 1080 for Browsing Damage Management in Tasmania</i> " was released on 3 August 2006. A \$2 million research grants program was advertised and the first round of successful applicants announced in February 2007. Ten projects have commenced. Two new project officers were employed for a three year period to carry out trials and demonstrate alternatives.
41	The State to develop a pilot wallaby management plan for a forested area on Tasmania's mainland as a priority	ASAP	Drafting of a wallaby management plan for the State, including forested areas, has commenced.
42	The Commonwealth to progress the regulatory process for the wallaby management plans for Flinders and King Islands and the proposed mainland area referred to in clause 41 under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	Ongoing	The Wallaby Management Plans for Flinders and King Island were approved on 30 November 2005. No action is required on the pilot mainland plan until the State submits it for approval.
44	The State to deliver low-impact access roading to and management of special timber management units on State forest for selective harvesting and access to leatherwood apiary sites to maintain sustainable supplies of leatherwood honey	2007	Priority areas for new access have been identified in the Huon, Derwent and Murchison forestry districts in consultation with special species industry and leatherwood beekeepers. Approximately 72 kilometres of new roads were identified. Forest Practices Plans were prepared. 57 kilometres of new low impact roading has been constructed (43 kilometres in 2006-07). The remaining 15 kilometres are to be completed in 2007-08.
45	The State to revise the Permanent Forest Estate Policy so that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95 per cent of the 1996 area of native forest will be retained • broad scale clearing and conversion of native forest on public land will be phased out by 2010 • broad scale clearing and conversion of native forest on private land will be phased out by 2015; and • assessment criteria for regulating forest clearing and conversion ensure regional biodiversity and water quality values will be protected and salinity objectives met 	November 2005	Completed in 2005-06. The Tasmanian Government revised the Permanent Forest Estate Policy to include the agreed policy provisions. It was publicly released on 14 November 2005. A further revision of the Policy, to incorporate implementation guidelines, was released in February 2007 - see http://www.dier.tas.gov.au/forests/permanent_native_forest_estate_policy for further information.

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46	The State will design the approach outlined in clause 45 in consultation with the Commonwealth and implement the approach, including publicly release of the revised Permanent Forest Estate Policy	November 2005	Completed in 2005-06. The implementation guidelines contained in the February 2007 version of the Policy were also developed in consultation with the Australian Government.
47	Controls on private forest clearing and plantation conversion will not constrain private forest owners from undertaking sustainable commercial harvesting and regeneration of native forests and other land uses on their land that maintain the native forest cover	Ongoing	The revised policy specifically provides that sustainable commercial harvesting and regeneration of native forests and other land uses that maintain the native forest cover are not constrained by the policy.
48	The State to introduce new statutory mechanisms to Parliament to prevent clearing and conversion of threatened non-forest vegetation communities on public and private land and use best endeavours to secure the enactment of the proposals	December 2005	Legislation to prevent the clearing and conversion of threatened non-forest vegetation was approved by the Tasmanian Parliament and proclaimed on 30 April 2007.
48	The Parties to amend the 2003 Natural Heritage Trust 2 Bilateral Agreement consistent with this Clause	No date	Completed in 2005-06.
53	The Parties agree to jointly manage a program to facilitate industry retooling and investment in new plant and technology with the aim to maximise recovery of forest products from use of regrowth, plantation and other changes in the resource mix	30 June 2008	Three programs funded and administered by the Australian Government have been jointly established – Forest Industry Development Program (TFIDP) Softwood Industry Development Program (TSIDP) Country Sawmillers Assistance Program (TCSAP) Relevant Ministers established an Advisory Committee in August 2005 to assess applications for funding under approved guidelines and make recommendations to Ministers. As at 30 June 2007, 118 applications had been received under the TFIDP (26 in 2006-07) seeking grants totalling over \$88 million to support investments of over \$230 million. At 30 June 2007, Ministers had approved 38 TFIDP applications for grants (28 in 2006-07) totalling \$29.6 million that support total investments of over \$107 million. The approved applications include purchase of new plantation and regrowth harvesting equipment, plantation pruning equipment, and sawmill and kiln drying upgrades to process small and young logs. Details of the TSIDP are provided at clause 63 and the TCSAP at clause 55.
54	The Parties to consult with industry to determine priority areas for funding [of the program in clause 53]	No date	Completed in 2005-06.

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55	The Parties to provide assistance to country sawmillers and to special species timber mills significantly affected by the new agreed reserves in north-west Tasmania	30 June 2007	<p>The Commonwealth established and administers the Country Sawmillers Assistance Program (TCSAP) in consultation with Tasmania.</p> <p>As at 30 June 2007, 34 applications had been received under the TCSAP (one in 2006-07) seeking grants totalling \$5.7 million to support investments of over \$11 million.</p> <p>At 30 June 2007 Ministers had approved 16 TCSAP applications (eight in 2006-07) for grants totalling \$2,016,332 that support total investments of over \$4 million. The approved applications are all for the purchase or upgrade of equipment at country sawmills.</p>
56	The Parties to provide assistance for improved marketing, recovery and value adding for special species timbers	No date	<p>Forestry Tasmania has developed a business plan in consultation with special species timbers stakeholders.</p> <p>Forestry Tasmania is reviewing the strategy for supply of special species timbers from State Forests.</p> <p>A website for the marketing of recovered special species timbers has been developed www.islandsspecialtytimbers.com.au. This site will be further developed to provide for purchase of special species in stock.</p> <p>The Fine Timbers Tasmania Chain of Custody system was developed and initial training delivered to three businesses – a sawmiller, a maker and a retailer. The intention is to have the system certified to the Australian Standard 4707-2006.</p>
58	The State to implement publicly accountable systems for monitoring the impact of residue harvesting for biomass energy plants on biodiversity	No date	No biomass energy plants have been established to date.
59	The Parties to fund and the State to deliver additional roading and other infrastructure to support implementation of changed harvesting programs required for the introduction of new silviculture in public old growth forests	No date	Forestry Tasmania expended \$4 million during 2006-07 as part of its overall roading program to adjust to new harvesting requirements. Final stages of planned infrastructure on the Southwood Huon site have been completed allowing the commencement of the TA Ann rotary peeled veneer mill.
60	The Parties to progress all required assessment processes of the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> for a pulp mill in Tasmania	As a priority	The proposal by Gunns Ltd to build a pulp mill at Bell Bay on the Tamar estuary is currently being assessed under the Tasmanian <i>Pulp Mill Assessment Act 2007</i> , and by the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water, under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> . When this process has been completed, an assessment report will be provided to the Minister for the Environment and Water to facilitate a decision to approve the project or not, and if so under what conditions.
62	The Commonwealth to consider giving the Gunns pulp mill project major project status and facilitation of the project at the national level	No date	Completed in 2005-06.

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63	The Commonwealth to fund and administer, in cooperation with the State, a \$10 million Tasmanian softwood industry assistance program	30 June 2008	As at 30 June 2007, 27 applications had been received under the Softwood Industry Development Program (TSIDP) (six in 2006-07) seeking grants totalling over \$18 million to support investments of over \$58 million. At 30 June 2007, Ministers had approved eight TSIDP applications (four in 2006-07) for grants totalling \$2,988,994 that supports total investments of over \$11.4 million.
64	The Commonwealth to consult with the State and the Tasmanian softwood industry to determine the priorities to increase value added investment in softwood in Tasmania	No date	Completed in 2005-06.
66	The Commonwealth to fund [\$4 million] and administer a program to support improved training and skills development throughout the forestry sector, including environmental care, changing forest management and wood processing, safety, product quality and business skills	30 June 2009	This commitment is being delivered by Forest Works Ltd (formerly the Forest and Forest Products Employment Skills Company) under an agreement signed with the Department of Education, Science and Training in June 2006. The project has commenced. Initiatives in 2006-07 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of a training calendar • training and skills enhancement at five Tasmanian sites
67	The Parties to fund the development of forest tourism and visitor facilities focusing on new reserves on public land created under this Supplementary Agreement	30 June 2007	Planning for a major tourism development at Maydena is still being progressed by Forestry Tasmania. Options to the original hauler concept are being examined in consultation with the local community. Forestry Tasmania has prepared a Feasibility Study Report for the Tarkine Drive, which has been identified as a potential opportunity to improve tourism in the North West region. Key stakeholders are currently being consulted. The Australian Government is funding and administering a \$3 million grants program to improve visitor facilities in forest areas of Tasmania, focussing on the new reserves created as part of the TCFA. This program incorporates the \$1 million bushwalking infrastructure program under clause 68. A strategic plan and funding guidelines were prepared in consultation with stakeholders. Applications for grants closed on 9 March 2007 and are currently being considered by an assessment panel. See http://www.environment.gov.au/land/forestpolicy/tfti/index.html for further details.
68	The Commonwealth to fund and administer, in cooperation with the State, and subject to any State approval processes, a \$1 million program towards the provision of bushwalking infrastructure in north west Tasmania	30 June 2007	See clause 67.

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69	The Commonwealth to provide \$1 million to a catchment water quality program to be developed and delivered in consultation with the State and drawing on CSIRO expertise, and building on State chemical audit and water monitoring programs to assess the impact of chemical usage in Tasmania's water catchments.	30 June 2007	<p>The Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage and the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries and Water have signed a Funding Agreement for this program. The Agreement includes agreed objectives, governance arrangements, reporting requirements and program activities and milestones.</p> <p>The River Catchment Water Quality Initiative was launched by Ministers on 30 August 2006.</p> <p>Contracts for the individual projects to implement the initiative have been signed with consultant organisations.</p> <p>All projects are being implemented.</p> <p>The Commonwealth is providing funding in accordance with the Funding Agreement. To 30 June 2007 project expenditure was \$696,000.</p>
70	The Parties to support State research into the Tasmanian devil facial tumour disease through a collaborative partnership	No date	<p>Work has progressed in accordance with the approved program project plan and is overseen by a Steering Committee with State and Australian Government representation.</p> <p>Since the project began, a range of activities has been undertaken including characterisation of the cancer, ongoing transmission trials, wild management trials and establishment of an insurance population. Work has also started on development of a vaccine against the cancer.</p> <p>Public lectures and information have been provided, drafting of a Recovery Plan commenced and data bases established.</p> <p>The work program agreed between the parties under this clause and funded under Clause 71 has been completed.</p> <p>See http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/LBUN-5QF86G?open for further information.</p>
71	The Commonwealth to provide \$2 million to specific priority projects [on research into the Tasmanian devil facial tumour disease] developed in consultation with the State	30 June 2007	<p>The program funded under the TCFA has been completed. Expenditure at 30 June 2007 was \$1,959,200. Final acquittal of program funds is underway.</p>
72	The Commonwealth to provide \$2.2 million for a communication program to be delivered in consultation with the State	30 June 2006	<p>The Parties jointly developed and delivered communication about the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement after it was signed. The Commonwealth provided approximately \$600,000 in funding to support this stage of the program.</p> <p>To gain the best value from the remaining \$1.6 million of the communication budget, DAFF commissioned a consultant to develop a communications strategy in November 2006. Based on the consultant's recommendations \$500,000 was allocated to highlight the sustainability of the Tasmanian forest industry in international markets.</p>

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75	The Commonwealth to contribute to the State \$66 million towards intensive forest management activities and \$13 million as a general grant	30 June 2008	The intensive forest management payment is to be paid over four financial years. To 30 June 2007 the Commonwealth has paid \$47 million towards IFM activities. The \$13 million general grant was paid in June 2005.
76	The Commonwealth will contribute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$2 million towards research into alternatives to clearfelling - \$42 million towards support for the hardwood sawmill industry - \$4 million towards support for country sawmillers - \$2.2 million towards a communication program - \$2 million towards tourism and recreation projects 	30 June 2006 30 June 2008 30 June 2007 30 June 2006 30 June 2007	The \$2 million has been paid to Tasmania. See comments for clause 53. See comments for clause 55. See comments for clause 72. See comments for clause 67.
77	The State will contribute \$90 million towards the package with specific allocations and stated expenditure profiles outlined in Tables 1 and 4 of Attachment 2	30 June 2010	Tasmania has contributed funding in accordance with progressive expenditure under the TCFA. To 30 June 2007 Tasmania had contributed \$36 million.
79	The State to provide the Commonwealth with annual acquittal reports and proposed activity statement on Intensive Forest Management funds	Annually	Acquittal reports and proposed activity statements for the IFM program have been provided to the Commonwealth in accordance with the requirements of clause 79.

Acronyms

CAR	Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative
CLAC	Crown Land Assessment and Classification (project)
CRA	Comprehensive Regional Assessment
EPBC	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Act)
DAFF	Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
IFM	Intensive Forest Management
NHT	Natural Heritage Trust
RFA	Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (1997)
TCFA	Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement (2005)
TCSAP	Tasmanian Country Sawmillers Assistance Program
TFIDP	Tasmanian Forest Industry Development Program
TSIDP	Tasmanian Softwood Industry Development Program