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### **ERF Consultation Paper – Proposed amendments to regulations applying to forestry projects**

The Forest Industries Federation of WA (FIFWA) is the industry association for the timber industry in Western Australia. Our membership includes all the major companies and businesses that operate in the WA timber industry, including commercial plantation growers and managers, harvest and haulage operators, and timber processors in both the plantation and native timber industry sectors.

We highly value the opportunity to have input into this consultation around proposed amendments to regulations applying to forestry projects with respect to the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF).

The proposed amendments include a new provision to allow ERF plantation forestry and farm forestry projects in higher rainfall areas to proceed with registration, subject to various conditions. We note that as an initial focus, the Government would consider the five Pilot Regional Forestry Hubs, including our own South West (Western Australia) regional forestry hub, in the application of this amendment.

We welcome the application of this measure in Western Australia.

In the overall quest to address the major backlog in investment in plantation establishment, FIFWA enthusiastically welcomes the proposed amendments to regulations applying to forestry projects as they relate to the ERF.

Yours sincerely,

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