

Regional Forest Agreements Scientific Advisory Panel

Summary Report

The Scientific Advisory Panel provides independent science-based advice and recommendations on improvements to Victoria's Regional Forest Agreements and forest management system.

Meeting 1, Monday 6 May 2019

Chairperson	Dr Sandra Brizga
Panel Members	Dr John Raison Associate Professor Lauren Bennett Professor David Lindenmayer Dr Lyndall Bull Dr David Cheal

Key points of discussion

- This was the first meeting of the Panel, and the main purpose of the meeting was to provide an initial induction to Victoria's forest modernisation program including clarification of the Terms of Reference and the Panel processes.
- The panel heard from Lee Miezes (Deputy Secretary Forest, Fire and Regions), Vivienne Clare (Executive Director Policy and Planning) and Courtney Bertram (Program Director – Regional Forest Agreements) about the Forest Modernisation Program and the role and purpose of both the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA's) and the Scientific Advisory Panel.
- The panel viewed a presentation from Hamish Webb (Director Knowledge and Planning) on the "Assess Project" – outlining all the key pieces of scientific research being undertaken to inform forest management.
- Discussion was had on setting the future Work Plan, yet to be agreed.

Key advice

N/A

Key information sought

- Further documentation and relevant DELWP speakers were requested to provide the panel with further information about the forest modernisation process and relevant research and investigations being undertaken or supported by DELWP.

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