

Forestry Tasmania has the statutory responsibility for the management of 1.5 million hectares of State forest land. This land contains 39% of the Tasmania's forests.

About half the forest managed by Forestry Tasmania are available for sustainable timber production. A network of formal and informal reserves on State forest protects values such as flora, fauna, soil, water and cultural heritage.

Forestry Tasmania has a strong platform of knowledge and skills development within our business and our commitment to this is highlighted by Forestry Tasmania being a Registered Training Organisation.

We have a strong relationship with ForestWorks and are part of its working groups and industry liaison network. We have found that ForestWorks accurately and reliably represents the views of the industry on skills and employment issues with the support of industry and the Government.

As an employer and RTO we value their contribution and the advice and knowledge they provide towards skilling the current and future workforce. In recent times we have been able to work closely with ForestWorks on the development of exciting programmes that show great potential in the indigenous and school based areas.

Without the support and contribution of ForestWorks it would be extremely difficult for many new innovative ideas and programmes to commence within our industry, they are a key component of our industry and provide many valuable skills we would otherwise not have access to. It is vital, especially at such a challenging time within the industry, that this Industry Skills Council role to be continued.

Yours sincerely

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