Our Vision

FSC is the trusted brand for ‘healthy forests supporting healthy communities’.

Our Role

We bring together people with economic, social and environmental interests in forests to drive improvement and shift the global forest trend toward conservation, restoration and respect for all. We partner with our members, certificate holders and companies across the supply chain to promote FSC’s brand and value.

Context

FSC is a market-based eco-label that provides assurance that forest products are sourced in a way that balances environmental, social and economic needs. FSC aims to improve on-ground forest management through encouraging purchase of certified products across the supply chain and driving improvement through consensus set forest practice standards. FSC is a non-profit member organisation that through three equal chambers (social, economic and environment) develop standards that enable responsible forest practices to be measured. FSC Australia is a separate incorporated National Office of FSC International.
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It has been a wonderful time to be Chair of FSC Australia. In 2018 we achieved key milestones following years of hard work. FSC Australia was established in 2006 to increase market awareness and develop a National Forest Management Standard. In the past year, we launched the Australian FSC National Standard and saw demand for FSC products flourish.

The Standard is an excellent product. It is uniquely Australian while meeting the stringent requirements of the new FSC International Generic Indicators. The Standard is a testimony to the enormous dedication of many people, especially the Standards Development Group, the Indigenous Working Group, and FSC Australia staff. In creating an implementation process, we have found that Australia continues to lead the way in FSC process development.

The completion of the Standard allowed us to concentrate on other 2018-19 priorities. FSC Australia organised the first in a series of FSCI Permanent Indigenous Peoples Committee meetings. We have started work on a permanent Indigenous Working Group in Australia to help us develop projects that increase our positive impact.

As Chair, I have been impressed with CEO, Sara Gipton’s, role in leading relations with FSC regionally and internationally. Throughout 2018, Sara guided us through difficult processes and developed exciting new initiatives that we will advance in the coming year.

I want to acknowledge the work of two FSC Australia Board members who have stood down over the past year. Our board is stronger for Jacki Schirmer’s contributions during her five years of service, including her time as Chair and co-chair. Jacki’s expertise has been invaluable, especially in stakeholder engagement and the social aspects of forestry.

Manju’s time with the FSC Board has unfortunately been brief due to TetraPak’s decision to refocus on FSC at the international level. However, we are delighted that Manju will continue to work with FSC Australia as we increase our brand awareness.

The FSC Asia Pacific Regional meeting in Mumbai was a personal highlight. Regional meetings aimed to build regional participation and increase capacity to engage at the international level. Meeting other members helped me fully grasp their concerns, including the critical role of non-timber forest products.

FSC’s great strength is that we create a place for all different interests to talk and find common ground. We have made many advances in the past year and look forward to the next, and most exciting, phase - seeing the implementation and uptake of this work.

Linda Fienberg
Chair FSC Australia
2018 was a transformative year for FSC Australia and New Zealand. After five years, we celebrated the release of the first FSC Australia National Forest Stewardship Standard. The Standard provides a clearer and stronger framework for responsible forest management in Australia. We hope that the stability provided through the Standard will encourage more forest managers to pursue FSC certification.

In 2018 FSC Australia and New Zealand hosted FSC Global Director, Kim Carstensen. Kim visited the region to speak with FSC members and to address the FSC Australia and New Zealand forums. Kim injected a welcome international perspective to important local conversations about FSC’s regional opportunities and challenges.

In 2018 we significantly expanded our impact on the market. Bunnings and Officeworks, set public 2020 targets for FSC certified procurement, while other leading Australian retailers set ambitious commitments, privately. In 2018 Visy achieved 100% FSC CoC certification on all their corrugated plants. In 2019 we will leverage these partnerships to increase FSC’s brand awareness.

It’s crucial to remember FSC’s driving goals: reducing deforestation and improving lives and livelihoods of those who depend on forests.

I saw this firsthand when I visited the West Papuan community and forest that supply Bunnings with FSC certified Merbau. The visit helped me appreciate the journey that a piece of wood takes from the forest to the store. I saw forest managers working with local Indigenous communities, workers, and the rainforest itself and FSC’s role in creating a transparent and credible framework. However, what struck me most was seeing the way a neighbouring, uncertified, operation was run. Under the worst working conditions, labourers processed illegally logged timber into uncertified Merbau decking and charcoal.

The importance of the FSC system was never clearer.

Through our principles and criteria, FSC drives better conditions for communities, workers, and the forest.

In 2019, we will continue to expand the impact of FSC in our region. We will work hard to ensure robust implementation of the Australian FSC Forest Management Standard. We will increase engagement with Indigenous Peoples’ through the Indigenous Working Group. We will strengthen understanding of Chain of Custody Certification, and aim to increase the number of certificates in our region.

Thank you to all our members, supporters, certificate holders and staff for helping make 2018 an outstanding year. I look forward to working with you to make 2019 even better.

Sara Gipton
CEO FSC Australia
FSC Australia at a Glance

The FSC label is recognised across the planet, a symbol of the world’s most respected forest certification scheme.

FSC is a global not-for-profit organisation that sets the standards for what a responsibly managed forest is, both environmentally and socially.

FSC Australia is a National Office of FSC International. We ensure that the voices of Australian and New Zealander stakeholders are heard at a global level.

Global

FSC can be found in 81 countries all over the world. With headquarters in Bonn, Germany and five regional offices and 46 National Initiatives, FSC is a truly global network.

Local

The strength of FSC is at the local level. Through our standards development processes, people define and agree what responsible forestry means in their forests. The result is forest stewardship standards that are balanced, local and lasting.

Our mission

Operating since 2001, our mission is to promote environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of forests in Australia and countries supplying the Australian forest products mark.

History

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FSC Australia Governance

FSC has a unique governance structure that is built upon the principles of participation, democracy and equity. The governance structure of FSC Australia follows the standards set by FSC International, with members and directors split into three distinct chambers:

The Social Chamber
This chamber includes non-profit, non-governmental organisations, indigenous peoples’ associations, unions as well as research, academic, technical institutions and individuals that have a demonstrated commitment to socially beneficial forestry. This means that they support forest management and believe in delivering forest products to the market in a way that does not infringe on the rights of other stakeholders.

The Environmental Chamber
This chamber includes non-profit, non-governmental organisations, as well as research, academic, technical institutions and individuals that have an active interest in environmentally viable forest stewardship.

The Economic Chamber
This chamber includes organisations and individuals with a commercial interest. Examples are employees, certification bodies, industry and trade associations (whether profit or non-profit), wholesalers, retailers, traders, consumer associations, and consulting companies. Applicants with economic interests must have demonstrated active commitment to implementing FSC Principles and Criteria in their operations.
Strategic Focus

Short term (2015-2016)

Mission
To make FSC publicly visible and known

Key Outcomes

Standard: National standard is complete & accredited internationally

Stability: Key 3 year funding agreements in place with sponsors and a dynamic & flexible organisation

Business Model: Provide commercial advice & training on the FSC system to help diversify income streams

Engagement: Stakeholders are empowered and have opportunities to engage with FSC & certification bodies

Promotion: Promotion of FSC brand increases awareness amongst consumers and large retailers

Promotion: Certificate holders value certification & label products, with increases in sawn timber markets

Advocacy: FSC is part of the dialogue on the future of forestry including ecosystem services and conservation

Membership: remains stable, diverse, broad in coverage and adds values to individuals, organisations & networks

Services: FSC has a presence in NZ

Medium term (2016-2018)

Mission:
To make FSC valued and respected by stakeholders

Key Outcomes:

Standards: Controlled Wood Risk Assessment identifies important values & controls in all key bioregions

Supply: Supply of FSC material is not a barrier to increasing the volume and range of FSC products

Promotion: High profile retailers & specifiers understand FSC, source it & are confident to promote it

Advocacy: FSC’s views sought on key policy & purchasing decisions relating to forests & forest products

Certification: Demand and customer relationships drive more brands and product owners to seek certification

Certification: audits and audit outcomes are consistently high quality

Brand: FSC brand is recognised, valued and demanded by consumers, stakeholders & procurement managers

Case Studies: Clear examples where FSC certification has lead to on ground management changes.

Membership: Grows in diversity, coverage, indigenous representation and actively support and value FSC
Long term (2018-2020)

Mission:
To make FSC trusted by consumers and stakeholders

Key Outcomes:

Standards: FSC standards are practical & able to be implemented by smaller growers

Supply: Consumer and retailer demand has resulted in more than 50% of production being FSC certified

FSC Products: A broad range of FSC products are available in many stores for both fibre and timber products

Certified volumes: More forests and timber volumes are fully certified and certification brings community support

Credibility: People trust that their issues and concerns will be addressed in FSC forests, trust our transparent processes

Engagement: Those engaged in certified forestry including indigenous people trust FSC, are proud of what they do

Outcomes: FSC certified forests are healthy, productive and support and sustain regional communities. Poor forestry practices are less common

Promotion: FSC is a sought after partner in campaigns by brands and can secure funding beyond trade marks

Intelligence: FSC is the authoritative source on FSC & responsible procurement
FSCANZ Important Stats & Figures

- 2,491,553 hectares of FSC certified forest
- 35 FSC certified forest managers
- 402 Chain of Custody certificates
- 81% of consumers purchasing FSC certified products say FSC is influential
- 34% of Australians recognise the FSC label
Risk Assessments for sourcing Controlled Wood

FSC risk assessments are used to assess and manage the risk of material from unacceptable sources entering the market as controlled wood.

To be accepted as controlled wood, the timber must avoid any of the following five categories of high risk material:

1. Illegally harvested wood;
2. Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;
3. Wood harvested in forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
4. Wood harvested in forests being converted from natural and semi natural forest to plantations or non-forest use; and
5. Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

Australian NRA

In July 2018, FSCA sought to transition from a Centralised National Risk Assessment (CNRA) process to a National Risk Assessment (NRA) process. A group of six qualified local forestry consultants (two from each chamber), and an NRA Coordinator make up the NRA Working Group for the NRA process.

The NRA process will evaluate all 5 controlled wood categories and updates the HCV Framework. The NRA process is set to be completed by the end of June 2019.

NZ CNRA

In 2018 the New Zealand Centralised National Risk Assessment (CNRA) concluded its public consultation phase and progressed to the development of a 2nd draft. Scientists from SCION (a crown research institute), independent experts, and the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries have joined the development process to support the CNRA working group.

Thank you to the CNRA working group members and Philip Millichamp (Oji Fibre Solutions) for their dedication and work throughout the process.

Making our voice heard globally, FSC Australia members participating in FSC International decision making

Sean Cadman, Susie Russell and Linda Feinberg

Controlled Wood Strategy Advisory Group, from November 2017- end Dec 2018.

Linda Feinberg

Policy on Conversion Working Group

The group hopes to have a draft policy ready for consideration by the next FSC General Assembly in 2020.

Sean Cadman

member of the FSC International Policy and Standards Committee
Australia’s first FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard

“Over the last two decades, increasing numbers of Australian forest managers have been certified to international FSC standards. Now, they can be certified using an FSC standard tailored to Australian conditions” FSC Australia CEO, Sara Gipton.

The Standard is based on strong, globally consistent principles and is tailored to reflect the Australia’s specific environmental and social context, while meeting the needs of the sustainable forestry industry.

The FSC National Standard is Australia’s first forest management standard to bring together stakeholders representing the diverse interests concerned with forestry in Australia, to develop and agree upon standards for sustainable forest management.

The Standard provides FSC certified foresters confidence about the environmental and social impact of their operations. It gives them license to make claims about their sustainability, backed up by the world’s largest and most credible forest certification scheme.

The standard contains strong environmental and social provisions, and sets out clear direction on how forest managers can identify, assess, and carry out these requirements.

For example:

• Maintenance or enhancement of high conservation values: old growth, endangered species, waterways

• Protection of Indigenous cultural heritage and recognition of the need to protect cultural rights and responsibilities

• Protection of worker’s rights through application of International Labour Organisation standards

• Strong stakeholder consultation requirements and clear direction on how to engage in meaningful stakeholder engagement

The standard is the first in Australia to require that forest managers carry out social impact assessments. It is also the first in Australia to make Free, Prior, and Informed Consent a requirement when engaging with Indigenous communities.

“The new FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard gives consumers confidence the Australian wood products they buy are from forests managed to the world’s highest standard.” FSC Australia CEO, Sara Gipton.
Standards Development Group
Thank you to the members of the Standard Development Group for their tireless efforts developing the standard over five years of consultation and negotiation.

Environment Chamber
Warrick Jordan, The Wilderness Society
Paul Winn, Hunter Community Environment Centre
David Blair

Economic Chamber
Suzette Weeding, Sustainable Timbers Tasmania
Amanda Naismith, New Forests
Peter Grist

Social Chamber
Travis Wacey
Tim Anderson
Mark Annandale, Landroc

Technical experts
Thank you to the following technical experts who provided the Standard Development Group with advice and expertise throughout the standard development process.

Aboriginal Carbon Fund – UNDRIP and ILO; Indigenous Engagement
Biosis - Environmental Impact Assessment
Rod Knight - Water and Riparian Protection
Professor Breen Creighton – Workers’ Rights
Indigenous Working Group - Indigenous Rights and Issues

Staff
Thank you to the following former staff members for their work managing the development process:

Deputy CEO - Policy, Daniel Mackey
Policy Manager, Jennifer Steinbach
Policy and Advocacy Manager, Julia Mylne
Global Insights, 
Local Relevance

The FSC Australia Public Forum and New Zealand Business Forum brought Director General, Kim Carstensen, to the region to engage with local stakeholders and provide FSC International’s perspective on the opportunities and challenges that FSC faces.

FSC Australia Public Forum, 
21 March 2018

The Public forum drew over 100 attendees from industry, government, academia, and the environmental movement, to discuss the state of responsible forest management and FSC in Australia.

The importance of stakeholder engagement was a recurring message of the day.

A charismatic speaker, Kim emphasised the need to embrace disagreement and dialogue to shift the forestry industry towards more responsible practices, “if everybody is happy then there is a problem.”

Associate Professor Jacki Schirmer advocated for meaningful stakeholder engagement as crucial to maintaining a trustworthy, well-respected, and stable certification system, despite the challenges that it can pose.

Other speakers included:

Adam Moreton, Category Manager, Bunnings
Manjula Murugesan, Environment Manager, Tetra Pak Oceania

Jeff Fielkow, Managing Director, Tetra Pak
Ric Sinclair, Managing Director, Forest and Wood Products Australia
Rochelle Lake, Head of Marketing, Asaleo Care
Howard Parry-Husbands, CEO, pollinate
Tim Cronin, Senior Manager Species Conservation, WWF
Nick Capobianco, Lead Auditor, SCS Global Services
Warrick Jordan, Wilderness Society

Thank you to our event partner Bunnings, and our sponsors: Tetra Pak, Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA), Australian Paper, The Wilderness Society, BioPak, Buyecogreen, and Officeworks.

FSC New Zealand Business Forum, 
19 March 2018

The New Zealand Business Forum brought together 60 representatives from FSC certified businesses to better understand global trends, and learn how to increase demand for FSC certified products.

New Zealand’s #1 news radio station, Newstalk ZB, covered the event. The 30-second interview was broadcast to their 510,400 regular listeners, during the 5:30 am, 6:30 am, and 9 am news shows.

Presenters included members of the Ancient Forest Alliance, Bunnings, BJ Ball, Jasmax, Scion, Tetra Pak, Wellington Zoo.

A special thank you to our Event Partner Bunnings, and our sponsors Tetra Pak and Abodo.
A look back at the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The 12th Annual General Meeting of Responsible Forest Management Australia took place on May 24, 2018, in Melbourne.

The following directors were elected to the FSC Australia board:

- Daniel Mackey (Social Chamber, Individual)
- Susie Russell (Environment Chamber, North East Forest Alliance)
- Manjula Murugesan (Economic Chamber, Organisation: Tetra Pak)
- Amanda Naismith (Economic Chamber, Organisation: New Forests)

FSC Australia would also like to thank former directors, Helen Murray, Pat Groenhout, and Andrew Morgan for their dedication and contribution to FSC Australia’s governance; we wish them all the best for the future.
“Wellington Zoo is a strong supporter of FSC, as we can encourage our community to choose FSC certified wood and paper products to help protect wildlife and their natural forest habitats. Our commitment to FSC is apparent in all aspects of our organisation, from our retail shop through to our purchasing and procurement requirements for large capital projects. We have also recently completed a new visitor experience at our Chimpanzee habitat which encourages our visitors to be Chimpanzee Champions by choosing FSC products – helping to protect the forests where Chimps live.”
Creating Awareness

Promoting the FSC National Standard to Government
Following the launch of the Australian FSC National Standard, CEO Sara Gipton met with twelve federal members of parliament, including Assistant Minister for Water and Agriculture, Richard Colbeck. The meetings promoted FSC’s role as the most credible solution to deliver on the Federal Government’s commitment to developing Australia’s sustainable forestry industry.

Engaging with industry and environmental groups
Throughout 2018 the FSC Australia and New Zealand CEO and staff members represented FSC and promoted the release of the National Standard at industry and environmental events and meetings.

Highlights:
• FSC held stalls at the 2018 Australian and New Zealand Bunnings expos and educated scores of Bunnings customer service staff about FSC and why choosing FSC is essential.
• FSC Australia and the FSC Asia Pacific hosted the Chinese Provincial and State Forestry Delegation in December 2018. The group of 18 government officials and academics met local stakeholder and learned about FSC, including standards development and the drivers and incentives for certification.

Traditional and social media engagement
In 2018 FSC Australia continue to raise awareness of FSC through proactive and responsive engagement with traditional news outlets and social media.

Highlights:
• 286 media mentions
• Over 80% positive coverage about the National Standard release
• Estimated reach of 29.83 million Australians and New Zealanders
• Facebook reach grew by 8,112 since 2017, to 74,156
• Twitter impressions grew by 28,548 since 2017, to 91,448

FSC Australia sponsors the 2018 Environmental Film Festival Australia
As a festival sponsor, FSC Australia screened the Be Label Wise campaign video before 42 films. 2,800 environmentally conscious viewers learned that choosing FSC is a simple choice that has a big impact on forests, animals, and people.

Engaging certificate holders and retail supporters in FSC Friday
FSC Friday raises awareness of FSC’s role in forest preservation through responsible management. In 2018 FSC Australia and our passionate stakeholders celebrated a successful FSC Friday.

Highlights:
• Themed morning tea featuring cupcakes decorated with their license code (Workspace Ltd)
• Illustrated FSC certified bookmarks telling the stories of endangered animals (Wellington Zoo)
• Photo collage of contractors and staff celebrating FSC Friday (Australian Bluegum Plantations)
• Customer promotions: free green smoothies and cleaning kits (Havwoods)
“Workspace was pleased to participate in FSC Friday last year to help raise awareness of our company’s commitment to the Forest Stewardship Council. As a company, we are always striving to keep up with the demands of consumers and look to be as sustainable as possible. We saw FSC Friday as a fun way to get our office and our social network talking and asking more questions.”
2018 has been a year of growth for FSC Australia. We have worked with our certificate holders and retail supporters to increase FSC’s impact. 2018 saw an uptick in the number of major retailers committing to ambitious targets for sourcing FSC certified products, both publicly and privately. These responsible sourcing decisions send a powerful message throughout their supply chains and will be influential in shifting the tide towards responsible forest management practices.

Visy expanding their number of FSC certified sites

In 2018 Visy significantly increased their number of FSC certified sites, achieving Chain of Custody certification across all Visy Board cardboard packaging operations. Visy’s extensive customer network means that more packaging than ever can display the FSC label.

Ending plastic pollution with FSC certified fibre

In 2018 the campaign to end plastic pollution took on momentum and attitudes towards plastic use shifted significantly. As consumers look to paper alternatives, FSC certified paperboard has gained added relevance as the more responsible alternative to the choice.

In 2018 Woolworths announced that they would stop stocking plastic straws by the end of the year, and would replace these with an FSC certified range of paper straws. Woolworths has set a 2020 target to source all paper, pulp, and timber from FSC certified or post-consumer recycled material. Their progress towards this goal is promising, their current FSC certified range stretches from 2019 back to school stationery to Christmas cards and wrap, from picnicware to toilet paper and tissues.

Major retailers setting 2020 targets for FSC certified fibre

Both Bunnings and Officeworks have set 2020 targets to source 100% FSC certified material. For Bunnings, they will rely on FSC certification to ensure that timber from higher-risk sources is responsibly sourced. The announcement came as part of their Responsible Timber Sourcing Policy, which also sets out a 2020 commitment to sourcing all native forest timber products from certified sources, including FSC.

Officeworks have committed to sourcing all paper products from 100% recycled or FSC certified sources, by 2020. Additionally, in June 2018 Officeworks introduced FSC certified recycled paper bags, having already phased out plastic bags ten years ago. The retail giant has been a leader in sourcing responsible wood-fibre and have formalised their commitment by becoming the first Australian company to sign the Vancouver Declaration.
“FSC Friday was a great initiative for Havwoods to be involved in. We are thrilled that our work to raise awareness of the importance of choosing responsibly sourced timber for FSC Friday was recognised by FSC Australia and New Zealand.”
FSC Certified Recycle Paper & Visy, Crucial to Protecting the World’s Forests

In 2018 FSC Australia CEO, Sara Gipton visited Visy Pulp & Paper’s Tumut plant and wrote about the increasing demand for forest products and the growing role recycling can play.

As the demand for forest products, such as timber and paper, continues to grow, so does the increasing pressure on the world’s forests.

The introduction of the FSC Recycled label recognises the vital role that recycled materials play in protecting the world’s forests. Unlike general ‘recycled’ claims, which may not undergo verification, the FSC Recycled label guarantees that 100% of the wood or paper in a product comes from genuinely recycled sources.

Visy produces just that – paper with genuine recycled content, that meets FSC standards.

Visy operate six Recycled Paper Mills across Australia. In 2018 I toured the Tumut paper mill, in Tumut NSW, in the north-west foothills of the Snowy Mountains. This mill uses plantation-grown pine pulpwood, recovered waste paper and market pulp for its processes.

It was an informative experience to learn about the scale of Visy’s operations. There is a sense of appreciation you have for something, after watching its manufacturing process. Touring the plant to see the line of log trucks and containers waiting for outgoing finished products helped me better understand Visy’s business operations. A little bit of mental math backed up with Visy’s statistics and provided me with a practical understanding of the volume and scale of the Visy Tumut operations - which produce approximately 690,000 tonnes of Kraft Liner each year.

The visit highlighted the challenges of sourcing of timber in the long term and the need to incentivise the expansion of plantations to meet future demands. We look forward to Visy’s plans for more FSC certified products in the future and are encouraged by their efforts to encourage local forests to pursue FSC certification.

With the increasing global demand for timber products, there will always be a need for responsibly sourced native and plantation timbers. As we all do our bit to reduce waste, it is great to see a sustainable Australian business thriving due to domestic demand for recycled products.

This article first appeared on the FSC Australia blog, and has been condensed for this publication.
Growth & Insights

Chain of Custody Certificate Holders

FSC Certified Forest Managers

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New in 2018

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AUS 13
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FSC-Certified forest area in Australia and New Zealand remains stable

In both Australia and New Zealand, the number of forest management certificates remained relatively stable, over 2017 to 2018. Australia’s steady but modest growth in hectares certified reflected trends towards FSC’s growth globally. New Zealand maintained a relatively stable number of hectares certified and welcomed a new forest management certificate holder, Merill & Ring NZ LTD.

FSC Australia will work to increase the number of domestic FSC forest management certificates and hectares certified, following the release of Australia’s first FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard.
Total certified forest area at **December 2018**

**Australia** 1,244,095 ha

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Thank You

Thank you to our members for their support throughout 2018.

Social
Hugh Stewart
Institute of Foresters of Australia
Jacqueline Schirmer
Fienberg, Linda
Mark Annandale
Australian Manufacturing
Workers Union
National Timber Councils
Association
Nature.net
Tim Anderson
Timber Communities Australia
Travis Wacey
First Super Pty Ltd
Forestworks Ltd
Fred Gale
Daniel Mackey
Phil Duncan
Daniel Mackey
Peter Gunson

Environmental
Friends of Leadbeater’s Possum
MyEnvironment Inc.
Australian Conservation Foundation
North East Forest Alliance
Planet Ark Environmental Foundation
Cadman, Sean
Environment East Gippsland
Tasmanian Conservation Trust
The Wilderness Society Ltd
Greenpeace
World Wide Fund For Nature Australia
(WWF)
Australian Forests and Climate
Alliance
David Blair
Hunter Community Environment Centre
Russell Warman
Sharp, Chrissy
Economic

Warringah Timbers Pty Ltd
HVP (Hancock Victorian Plantations)
Jim Burgess
Kevin O’Grady
Kimberly Clark Australia
Lyreco
Mediaform Computer Supplies Pty Ltd
Michael Spencer
Australian Bluegum Plantations
Australian Forest Growers
Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA)
New Forests Asset Management Pty Limited
OfficeMax Australia
PF Olsen (Aus) Pty Ltd
Rohan Simkin
Ros Dent
S2Dio Pty Ltd
SFM Environmental Solutions Pty Ltd T/A
SFM Forest Products
Paper Australia Pty Ltd (Australian Paper)
Kennedys Recycled Timber
Australian Sustainable Timbers
Blacktown Timber Pty Ltd
Charters Paper Pty Ltd
Enviro Associated Products Pty Ltd

Tetra Pak Oceania
Laminex Group Pty Ltd trading as Laminex Australia
VicForests
Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI)
Fairweather Homes
Foresa Consulting
Sustainable Timber Tasmania
Forest Industries Federation (WA) Inc
Forest Strategy Pty Ltd
Forwood Forest Solutions
Fuji Xerox Australia
Good Environmental Choice Australia
Graeme Lea
Green Marketing
Forico Pty Limited
Visy Industries Australia Pty Ltd
Hamelin Brands Pty Ltd (formerly Bantex Group)
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association Inc
Asaleo Care Australia
Peter Grist
Norske Skog Paper Mills (Australia) Ltd
Moorookyle Consulting
HQPlantations Pty Ltd.
Financials

Statement of financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2018

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<th>INCOME</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<td>Forest Stewardship Council International Funding</td>
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<td>Fees from Trademark Services</td>
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<td>Interest Received</td>
<td>11,843</td>
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<td>Memberships - Local</td>
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<td>Memberships - International</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
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<td><strong>590,513</strong></td>
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<th>EXPENDITURE</th>
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<td>Accounting &amp; Auditor Fees</td>
<td>4,798</td>
<td>12,950</td>
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<td>Bad Debts</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,033</td>
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<td>Bank Fees &amp; Interest Paid</td>
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<td>Communications &amp; Engagement Expenses</td>
<td>30,571</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
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<td>Foreign Currency Gains and Losses</td>
<td>9,615</td>
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<td>Governance Expenses</td>
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<td>Marketing &amp; Design Expenses</td>
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<td>Office Expenses</td>
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<td>33,125</td>
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<td>Staff &amp; Contractors</td>
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<td>363,219</td>
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<td>Meeting &amp; Travel Expenses - International</td>
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<td>Meeting &amp; Travel Expenses - Domestic</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenditure</strong></td>
<td><strong>566,967</strong></td>
<td><strong>531,305</strong></td>
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**Net Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Company** | 51,340  | 59,208 |
# Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018

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<td>Cash and Cash Equivalents</td>
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<td>Trade and Other Receivables</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Assets</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td>Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</td>
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<td><strong>Total Non-Current Assets</strong></td>
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<th>LIABILITIES</th>
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<td><strong>Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>Trade and Other Creditors</td>
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<td>27,992</td>
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<td>Employee Entitlements</td>
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<td>9,136</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>588,938</td>
<td>537,598</td>
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**Equity**

| Accumulated Funds             | 588,938 | 537,598 |
| **Total Equity**              | 588,938 | 537,598 |

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Directors are elected for three-year terms at the FSC Australia Annual General Meeting. The position of Chair of the Board of Directors is rotated yearly among the Directors.

**Social chamber**

Linda Fienberg, individual member
- May 2018 – May 2019 Chair of Board of Directors
- May 2017 – May 2018 Deputy Chair
- Membership committee

Daniel Mackey, individual member
- Appointed May 2018
- Policy and Standards Committee

Jacki Schirmer, individual member
- Finance, Risk, and Audit Committee

Helen Murray, Timber Communities Australia
- Director until May 2018

**Economic chamber**

Ms Amanda Naismith, New Forests Asset Management
- May 2018 – May 2019 Deputy Chair
- Appointed May 2018
- Policy and Standards Committee

Mr Craig Dunn, Australian Paper
- Finance, Risk, and Audit Committee

Ms Manjula Murugesan, Tetra Pak Oceania
- Director appointed May 2018

Pat Groenhout, PF Olsen
- Resigned May 2018

Andrew Morgan, SFM Environmental Solutions Pty Ltd
- Resigned May 2018

**Environment chamber**

Sarah Rees, My Environment
- Membership committee

Susie Russell, North East Forest Alliance
- May 2017 – May 2018 Chair of Board of Directors
- Policy and Standards Committee

Warrick Jordan, The Wilderness Society
- Finance, Risk, and Audit Committee
“As an FSC certified operation we are proud to celebrate FSC Friday. FSC helps ABP conduct due diligence, prove our responsible practices, and play a part in preventing deforestation”