

FPA Research Policy

Activities

The FPA will promote, support and conduct applied research and monitoring to underpin continual improvement of the *Forest Practices Code* and sustainable forest management, and lead to outputs that can be used to improve operational guidelines and prescriptions and measure their effectiveness.

Administration

The CFPO, through the board of the FPA, will define priorities and allocate and administer funds, including the student research fund. The FPA Research Working Group will advise the FPA board, through the CFPO, on research priorities and successful student fund applications.

Reviews

Annual research reviews will occur as part of the annual FPA Research and Advisory Program activity reviews.

The FPA RWG will meet six-monthly for internal review/updating. Meetings will be co-ordinated by the FPA Research Biologist.

Communication

- Information seminars – annual ‘What’s New’ symposium for those involved in the forest practices system
- Research newsletters – Summaries of research outcomes in *Forest Practices News*
- CRC communications (e.g. Biobuzz)
- Membership on national RWGs
- Honorary Research Associate status with University of Tasmania (Manager Biodiversity, Research Biologist, Manager, Earth Sciences).

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