



WOOD WASTE ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT SHEET

Category 5: Wood waste sourced from a native forest

Box A – completing option 1 or option 2 is mandatory

Box A Option 1: location and environmental management standards – RFA region		
Location where wood waste was sourced [list area, coupe name/references and locational information (eg mapping grid references)]:		
Is the wood waste sourced from within a Regional Forest Agreement Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, provide name of Regional Forest Agreement Area:		
Has the harvesting been conducted in accordance with the ecological sustainability requirements of the RFA	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is an assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act required prior to harvesting (See Note 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, has this been conducted and harvesting approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, attach a copy of the harvesting approval		
Was the primary purpose of the harvesting operation to source biomass for energy generation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Box A Option 2: location and environmental management standards – non RFA region		
If not sourced from within an RFA area, was the wood waste sourced from an RFA-equivalent area (<i>RFA equivalency can only be approved by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Heritage</i>) (see Note2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, outline the coverage of the RFA equivalent region:		
Has the harvesting been conducted in accordance with the ecological sustainability requirements of the RFA equivalent area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is an assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act required prior to harvesting (See Note 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, has this been conducted and harvesting approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, attach a copy of the harvesting approval		
Was the primary purpose of the harvesting operation to source biomass for energy generation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Compliance with approval processes – completing Box B is mandatory

Box B: Wood waste from approved ecologically sustainable harvest operations		
Is the operation scheduled under an approved forest management plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, provide details and attach relevant extracts:		
Was the harvesting conducted/authorised by the relevant authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Attach a copy of the harvesting approval		
Date harvesting approved:		
Date harvesting occurred:		

Where relevant:

Have any additional conditions regarding the site been imposed by the approving authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, attach a copy		
Have these conditions been complied with	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



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Box C: Financial values test – non-mandatory - to be completed where the native forest harvesting activity is assessed against the financial value test

Financial values test (see Note 3)			
Total harvest size:			(tonnes/cubic metres)
Products of harvesting	Tonnes/cubic metres harvested	\$/unit	Total value
<i>Values MUST represent actual returns based on time of harvest</i>			
HIGH VALUE PRODUCTS			
<i>EG: A grade sawlogs</i>	<i>1,000 cubic metres</i>	<i>\$100/cubic metre</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
Totals:	Total value high value products:		\$
OTHER PRODUCTS			
<i>EG: wood chip</i>	<i>1,000 tonne</i>	<i>\$ 40 per tonne</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>
Total:	Total value other products:		\$

General Notes:

A separate form must be completed for each coupe, or group of coupes, covered by different assessment criteria. For example, a single form can be completed for 5 coupes harvested from State owned native forests in an RFA area, where the harvesting was approved under the same approval process. However, a separate form must be completed for wood waste harvested from a privately owned native forest.

Specific Notes:

- Note 1: EPBC assessments are not required in RFA areas unless the harvesting occurs in a World Heritage Area or a RAMSAR wetland.
- Note 2: The Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator will maintain a list of RFA equivalent areas as these are approved. Applicants should check this list to determine if an RFA-equivalency has already been completed for the harvest area. Applications for RFA equivalency should be made to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage. Environment Australia will provide advice on the equivalency test to the Minister. No RFA equivalent areas have been approved as at 30 June 2004.
- Note 3: All products taken from site of harvesting must be listed, including all high value and other products, including woodchips and wood for power generation. Use consistent units where possible. High value products include wood harvested for sawlogs, veneer, poles, piles, girders, wood for carpentry or craft uses or oil products. Supporting evidence of financial returns for products are to be retained or to be accessible to parties claiming renewable energy certificates. Parties claiming certificates can be audited and can be required to produce this evidence to demonstrate that any claimed renewable energy certificates are valid. Products should be valued at mill-door or power station door. (Note: Stumpage is not usually acceptable for this purpose).

