

STATEMENT OF REASONS

AMENDMENT NO 5. TO THE INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATIONS APPROVAL FOR RIVERINA RED GUM

Reasons for amendments

The current amending instrument constitutes amendments to the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA) for the Riverina Red Gum region.

1. Amendments to the General Terms

1.1 These amendments allow residue operations to continue at pro-rata of current annual volume rates for an additional 6 months until 30 June 2016.

These amendments give the NSW Government time to consider the appropriate volume of residue that should be harvested from Western Land Leases for the next period and allows the industry to continue operating during this time. The Government's consideration in this regard is being informed by a study that is now largely complete, although still the subject of further review.