STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION GUIDANCE

Stakeholder consultation is conducted by Soil Association Certification as part of the verification of the organisations conformance with the standard 'Requirements for sourcing controlled wood’ (FSC-STD-40-005).

Part 1 of the questionnaire asks about your experience of the stakeholder consultation process conducted by the company.

In Part 2 of the questionnaire we would like to ask you about the specific aspect of the controlled wood criteria which are being evaluated at the audit.

Please feel free to tell us about any issues that you think would be of interest to us. The specific controlled wood criteria that we are interested in are:

Wood harvested in forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities

The following questions may help you to identify some of the relevant issues and help with your comments:

Legal issues
Do you know of any claims of legal non-compliance in the last five years in South Western Australia forestry? Are there any outstanding claims?
Do you think that the forest managers in South Western Australia follow the relevant codes of practice, guidelines and agreements?
Do forest managers in South Western Australia meet local harvesting laws?

Environmental issues
Is the forest in South Western Australia (or part of it) classified as a High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF)?
What are the most important environmental issues in the forest area in South Western Australia?
Do you consider the forest area to be part of a rare, threatened or endangered ecosystem?
Do you think that the forest contains globally, regionally or nationally significant species?
Are there any species of special interest e.g. rare, threatened or endangered in the area?
In your opinion, do forest managers in South Western Australia follow the spirit of relevant codes of practice, guidelines and agreements with respect to care for the environment?
Do you know of any environmental rules or laws that are not being obeyed?

Social issues
Do you know of any indigenous or traditional peoples living in or near the forest area in South Western Australia?
Do you think the forest is fundamental to meeting the basic needs of local communities e.g. subsistence and health in South Western Australia?
Does the forest contain areas that you would consider critical to local communities’ cultural identity (e.g. areas of cultural, ecological, economic or religious significance?)