Dear Stakeholder,

Bunbury Fibre Exports Pty Ltd (BFE) is a plantation woodchip export company operating from Berth 8, Bunbury Harbour. BFE sources plantation grown blue gum (Eucalyptus globulus) from corporate and private plantation growers (grown on private property) throughout the south west of Western Australia.

BFE processes and exports in excess of 500,000 tonnes of wood chip annually into the Japanese and Chinese pulp and paper markets. BFE is supported by 5 harvest and haulage contractors. All of BFE’s contractor base is locally sourced (under contractual arrangements) and BFE has a strong history of sourcing locally based support services.

BFE obtained Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certification for Chain of Custody (CoC) and Controlled Wood (CW) in 2006. This certification is current today. As part of the compliance to the new FSC Controlled Wood Standard (FSC-STD-40-005-V3-0EN) and due diligence process for sourcing privately grown NON certified forest resource in the south west region, BFE is required to consult with stakeholders as one of the Risk Mitigation control measures. The stakeholder consultation is required to be undertaken in relationship to the impact of harvest and haulage operations on

- **High Conservation Values (HCV’s)**

As an identified stakeholder, BFE and FSC hereby invite you to have an input to BFE’s management of HCV’s in this respect.

The BFE process for the Management of HCV’s is as follows;

- Approach to BFE by private grower to harvest plantation products
- Desk top data search for HCV’s that may be impacted by Harvest and Haulage. These include:
  1. Globally, regionally or nationally significant concentrations of bio diversity
  2. Forest areas containing globally, regionally or nationally relevant landscape level forests
  3. Forests that are in or contain rare threatened or endangered eco systems
  4. Forest that provide basic services of nature in critical situations
  5. Forests that are fundamental to meeting basic need of local communities
  6. Forest areas critical to local communities’ traditional cultural identity

- Ground inspection by BFE staff of the plantation to identify possible and previously identified HCV’s and impacts, plantation areas, roads and haulage routes
- If any HCV’s are identified BFE undertakes a high level engagement with the relevant authority or custodian and other relevant stakeholders to determine the risk and risk mitigation that will be required to successful undertake the operation. NOTE – if the risk and impact on the HCV is too great or the HCV cannot be protected during the harvest operation BFE reserves the right to reject the harvest operation and purchase of the plantation products from the grower
- Production of a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) with all HCV’s identified and mitigation measures required to protect the HCV
• Harvest operations staff briefed and control measures put in place
• Harvest operation conducted
• Harvest operations supervised
• Harvest operation reviewed
• Harvest area handed back to the private property owner with HCV's intact
• Audit of the harvest area during BFE FSC annual compliance audit by Certifying Body (CB)

BFE invites you make comment on this or have BFE staff explain this process to you in more detail. BFE will take any relevant comments and feedback and use this to better enhance BFE’s approach and management of the procurement and timber harvest process and management of private property harvest operations in the south west of Western Australia. BFE would like to receive your comments by 31st October 2016.

While all feedback is welcome there is no obligation on you to participate in this process.

Should you supply a reply, BFE would like to publish this feedback and comment on the BFE website http://exports.bunburyfibre.com.au/

There will be NO names published with any feedback. Should you wish your feedback to remain private and confidential please indicate this clearly in your reply to BFE.

Please address all feedback to:

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Thank you in advance for your time to read this information.

Yours sincerely

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