

Draft model WHS Codes of Practice and guidance - Public Comment Response Form

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The Forest Products Commission (FPC) was established in November 2000. Its role is to develop, market and sustainably manage the State's high quality renewable timber resources for the people of Western Australia. The Commission works with industry to deliver economic and social benefits in the regions.

FPC operates under an Act of parliament as a Statutory Authority. This enables the agency to engage in commercial forestry activities in State-owned native forests and plantations.

The FPC provides the following comments in relation to the Draft Code of Practice for Managing Risks in Forestry Operations. As requested in the first pages of the Draft Code, the FPC submits the comments to specifically address the following issues:

8. Guide for Managing Risk in Cable logging	
Section/page no.	Comment
6.1 Stump Anchors	This section goes into detail regarding the appropriate way to select and rig stump anchors, but does not mention an age limit of stumps. In WA, the FPC uses the assumption that once a pine stump is greater than 12 months old, it should no longer be used as an anchor due to the decay. Instead, a Deadman Anchor should be used. We suggest the guide include a stump anchor age limit for pine stumps.