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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



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Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	Private Forestry Service Queensland Incorporated
Business address of the client	Private Forestry Service Queensland Incorporated
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Dr. Wayne Tibbits CF
Dates of review:	Thursdays 17 th and 24 th , Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th October 2019. Stakeholder and follow up of corrective action up until 2 nd December 2019.
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Forest management services aiming at a range of purposes and products for private owners of native forest and/or plantation.
Type of review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 pre-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance post certification; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up or special audit
Scope of the audit / review including sites visited	Office and field operations/ sites selected as representative of Defined Forest Area. All requirements in the standard.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>This one-person recertification review over four days focused on all criteria related to stakeholder consultation, biodiversity, forest productive capacity, ecosystem health/ vitality, soils/water, carbon, culture, and social/economic values as well as the management aspects of the FMS, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, and management review processes. It included site visits assessing forest operations/conditions that spanned two full days in the field that was 50% of the audit duration.</p> <p>Since the previous audit in November 2018, there has been one major change in key members of staff supporting the forest management system, with the Executive Officer temporarily retiring then coming back when arrangements for their replacement did not work. This does not appear to have adversely impacted the forest management system effectiveness.</p> <p>During this audit we closed all four previous findings [two as minor non-conformance and two as observation] and raised seven new findings [three as minor non-conformance and four as observation], two new minor non-conformance matters of which were closed during the audit. The client has presented and implemented a corrective action plan for the one remaining minor non-conformance matter, which enabled Global-Mark to conclude that the forest manager has identified the root cause of the non-conformance and provided action to prevent recurrence.</p> <p>Positive implementation and effectiveness of the client's forest management system includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stakeholder Engagement Plan is considered very well done, where it clearly presents a practical and straightforward approach that demonstrates proactive stakeholder engagement. Evidence of this includes where there is often a direct verbal rather than a written approach to engage with stakeholders who are neighbours. 2. No land within the defined forest area where these Indigenous rights remain. However, we did note this where the forest manager has been supporting Indigenous people's economic and social aspirations in sharing benefits from the management of forests through a Services Agreement with University Sunshine Coast teaching Indigenous people to use forest equipment, assess forest quality and potentially salvage some timber. 3. Forest prescriptions are carefully thought through by operational personnel and implemented with professionalism, pride and enthusiasm. 4. We note some particularly positive stakeholder comments, as

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	<p>follows. PFSQ staff members were considered very thorough expecting a very high quality outcome, with two expressing admiration for this. Another expressed thanks for the generous allocation of time by PFSQ to work with this stakeholder.</p> <p>In terms of areas for potential improvement we note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greater attention to public disclosures and use of the Responsible Wood or PEFC logos. 2. Internal audit and management review process could better align with the organisational capacity.
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]	Native forest and the other FMU are reforestation or plantations with native species.
Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed	PFSQ's website [PFSQ.net] has five satellite image maps showing the DFA. These are at the scale of 1:250,000.
The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner	The current total is 6,133 hectares is the current total updated 26 Aug 2019. Of this the largest FMU is native forest with 5,835 hectares. The other FMU is reforestation with 298 hectares.

Review team declaration:

We confirm that for the purpose of this review:

- We did not have any conflict of interest with and are fully independent from the company listed above.
- The review team had sufficient resources, and competences to complete its review and reach its conclusions summarised here.
- We had the appropriate credentials to perform this review in accordance with Global-Mark Pty Ltd and applicable accreditation requirements.

Comment and disclaimer on this report:

- This summary report does not and should not be seen as advice. Please consult a qualified advisor or consultant for advice.
- Due to the sampling nature of third party business reviews, the time available and samples size, some issues, nonconformance, non-compliances or improvements might not have been identified in the present audit summarised reported. This does not imply that these issues do not exist, or are in conformance or compliance. Employees, management and other stakeholders of the organization need to and are responsible for, continuously identifying and taking necessary controls to ensure continued conformance with the standard.
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- The summary report has been prepared for the abovementioned client/ business to make publicly available without request.



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