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Dear Mr Pendrigh

**FOREST AUDIT PROGRAM FINAL REPORT – TACTICAL PLANNING
VICFORESTS' COMMENTS**



VicForests is extremely pleased that the final results of the Forest Audit Program – Tactical Planning, found that overall level of compliance was very high, and there were no instances of non-compliance.

The audit assessed VicForests compliance against elements in the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2007, Management Procedures for Timber Harvesting Roding and Regeneration in Victoria's State Forests 2009, and the Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004. The audit covered 3 Timber Release Plan amendments which related to 369 coupes during the 2009-2010 years.

No instance of non-compliance was detected and no recommendations relevant to VicForests were made. VicForests will continue to ensure all its forest planning activities remain compliant with relevant regulatory requirements and will maintain our commitment to continual improvement.

VicForests thanks the auditors for providing an objective and independent assessment of its forest planning activities that provides transparency and public confidence in our planning operations.

Yours sincerely



Nathan Trushell
Director Corporate Affairs