

FACT SHEET

Forest Practices Amendment Bill 2026

The purpose of the Forest Practices Amendment Bill 2026 is to amend the *Forest Practices Act 1985* to broaden representation on the Forest Practices Advisory Council through the appointment of an additional member with experience in non-forestry agriculture.

The amendments will commence upon Royal Assent.

- The amendment of section 37A will insert an additional member on the Forest Practices Advisory Council, being a person with experience in non-forestry agriculture, nominated by TasFarmers.
- The proposal has arisen from concerns within sections of the agricultural sector regarding the operation of the forest practices system and the perceived absence of direct agricultural representation.
- The existing private forestry position provides an important perspective on private forest management. The amendment will ensure there is also direct representation from the non-forestry agricultural sector on the Council.
- The amendment also clarifies existing nomination arrangements to ensure the provisions relating to nominations and appointments apply consistently to all organisations responsible for nominating members to the Advisory Council.

Repeal of Amending Act

- Consistent with standard drafting practice, the amending Act is repealed on the first anniversary of commencement. The amendments made to the Forest Practices Act 1985 remain in force.