

Regional Forest Agreements Scientific Advisory Panel

Summary Report

The Scientific Advisory Panel provides independent science-based advice and recommendations on improvements to Victoria's Regional Forest Agreements and forest management system.

Meeting 2, Friday 24 May 2019

Chairperson Dr Sandra Brizga

Panel Members Dr John Raison
Associate Professor Lauren Bennett
Professor David Lindenmayer
Dr Lyndall Bull
Dr David Cheal

Key points

- On 24 May 2019, the Science Advisory Panel (SAP) met for the second time.
- In the first part of the meeting, there was more detailed discussion of the review of the Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs), including the scope of Victoria's proposed negotiating positions and specific advice sought from the SAP. This information is a key input to the SAP's work plan.
- In the second part of the meeting, the SAP heard presentations on two projects commissioned by DELWP relating to climate change impacts on forests. Discussions were held with the presenters but there was insufficient time for the SAP to form a consolidated view during the meeting.

Next steps

The SAP agreed that it would provide advice to DELWP on the climate change impact projects within the next fortnight. SAP members will meet by teleconference on 30 May 2019 to consolidate their advice. The SAP's advice will be summarised in the next communique.

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