

Good Neighbour Charter

The Good Neighbour Charter is an expression of Australian Bluegum Plantations Pty Ltd's (ABP's) desire to work co-operatively and harmoniously with all stakeholders who have an interest or involvement with ABP's operations.

Stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Local Government authorities
- ABP Lessors
- Adjoining or nearby land holders
- Federal and State Government organizations and departments
- Indigenous and community groups
- Schools and educational facilities

Our Commitment

It is ABP's commitment to communicate with stake holders in an open and meaningful manner in order that all parties (ie ABP and stakeholders) achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

The Company

ABP is an entity created by Global Forest Partners (GFP) in late 2009 to acquire and manage high quality blue gum plantations located in the south west of Western Australia and the Green Triangle region of south west Victoria/ south east South Australia.

Plantations are managed on a 10 to 15 year rotation with the resulting woodchip exported for quality paper manufacture.

Local Government

ABP has regular communication with local government authorities addressing issues ranging from plantation establishment, roading and roading infrastructure, fire prevention planning, fire management and planning issues.

As a member of the local community we support a collaborative approach when working with local authorities and communities.

Environmental Management

ABP manages its plantation estate in accordance with the principles and criteria of the internationally recognized Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) which independently demonstrates the company manages its estate in a socially, environmentally and economically responsible and sustainable manner.

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Boundary Fences

ABP will maintain and share all reasonable costs with neighbours in boundary fencing projects that ABP is responsible for.

Our People/ Employment

Many of the people employed by ABP are 'locals', having lived and worked in the area for many years. This aspect has helped ensure that the company maintains a solid and sound perspective of local affairs.

As well as employing staff directly, allied contract businesses and service providers have benefitted from the range of employment and other opportunities offered by the industry.

Staff and contractors staff are actively involved with local sporting and community groups.

Plantation Management

Plantations are established and maintained in accordance with state and national laws, local government regulations and industry standards including relevant codes of practice.

Should you require information about plantation management you are invited to contact one of the ABP offices listed on this pamphlet.

Managing Fire

ABP recognizes its responsibilities to be proactive in relation to fire and fire management and works collaboratively with landowners, local brigades, local and state authorities and other plantation companies. ABP adopts a risk management approach to fire management that encompasses, among other things, plantation design, machinery shutdown procedures, on-site resources, competent trained staff and provision of firefighting units.

The Environment

Bluegum plantations can have a positive impact on the environment by:

- Reducing salinity and improving water quality
- Conserving soil and reducing wind erosion impacts
- Providing corridor zones for wildlife
- Sequestering (or storing away) atmospheric carbon.
- Environmental restoration projects

Cultural Heritage

ABP acknowledges its obligation and responsibility to protect cultural and indigenous heritage sites on land under its control. ABP welcomes Indigenous and community group input into the management of such sites.

Declared Plants and Animals

ABP actively participates to control and limit the spread of declared plants and vermin.

ABP's view is that a collaborative approach is the best means to control the spread of declared plants and animals and will actively work with fellow landholders, agencies and others to achieve these ends.

