

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024–2033 — CONTRACTS

1929. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the new Forest Management Plan, and I ask:

- (a) have 2024 contracts been established for each of the following:
 - (i) firewood suppliers;
 - (ii) sawmills; and
 - (iii) other buyers; and
- (b) if contracts, referred to in (a), have not been established, what is the expected timeline for completion?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (a)–(b) The Cook Government has now ended Commercial Logging of WA’s iconic and unique Jarrah and Karri forests – a policy the opposition wishes to reverse. The new Forest Management Plan commenced on 1 January 2024 which focuses on ecological thinning for forest health not commercial timber production. Any timber resource recovered from ecological thinning activities will be made available to local buyers as it becomes available. The FPC has entered into contracts with some customers and continues to negotiate contracts with other potential customers.