

# COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

## VISITOR INFORMATION SHEET

### INTRODUCTION

Forestry Plantations Queensland Pty Ltd (FPQ) is one of Australia's largest privately owned timber plantation companies, managing approximately 345,000 hectares (ha) of land including 210,000 ha of hardwood and softwood plantations located throughout Queensland. The majority of these lands can be found on State plantation forest which is managed by FPQ under a 99 year Plantation Licence granted by the Queensland Government.

State plantations forests comprising the Licence Area, are commercial forests and are primarily managed for the commercial growing, harvesting and protection of FPQ's plantation timber assets. The extensive network of existing roads throughout these forests not only serves a practical purpose, allowing for timber harvesting and fire management, but also provides recreational opportunities for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, four wheel drivers and trail bike riders.

### COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

A "commercial activity", as referred to in this information sheet, is an activity falling into the area of visitor management and may include any of the following:

- selling, offering for sale or displaying for sale an article
- the plying for hire of goods or services
- practicing photography for commercial purposes
- providing a tour, safari or excursion and providing, for money or other consideration,
- an activity using the recreational or scenic values or facilities of the Plantation Licence Area for commercial gain.

### COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY PERMITS

Commercial activities may only be conducted in the Plantation Licence Area by the holder of a commercial activity permit or other authority under section 27 of the *Forestry Regulation 1998*.

An application form can be obtained from your local FPQ office, or online at [www.fpq.net.au](http://www.fpq.net.au).

In making an application, applicants are responsible for:

- ensuring the current version of the application form has been fully completed and signed
- lodging the appropriate application fee with the application form.



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The following attachments should be included with the application form to ensure the application can be assessed and processed in a timely manner:

- a detailed map of the activity location or route
- evidence of public liability coverage to a minimum value of \$10 million.
- copies of any brochures or advertising material (or mock-ups of intended brochures and advertising material) if available at the time of application. Applicants are encouraged to provide mock-ups at the application stage as FPQ input and comment may prevent misleading or outdated information being included.

### Fees

The fees applicable to Commercial Activity Permits are dependant on the nature of the activity and the period of the permit. Fees are subject to price rises each financial year in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). See the Information Sheet outlining the Visitor Management Fee Schedule for the latest applicable fees.

### Terms

Commercial activity permits can be issued for periods of one day to three years. Commercial activity permits are not transferable.

### Obligations

The legal obligations of the permit holder are set out in the *Forestry Act 1959* and the *Forestry Regulation 1998*.

The terms and conditions outlined in each permit issued by FPQ under the relevant legislation are legally binding.

The applicant is obliged under the *Oaths Act 1867* to provide true and correct information in making the application.



Permit type	Application fee	Permit fee	Additional fee
Catering	✗	✗	n/a
All other assoc. commercial activity	✓	✓	if applicable

Fees applicable to associated commercial activities associated with Commercial Activity Permit activities.

## ASSOCIATED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

There will be times where a Commercial Activity Permit application is lodged, where the event is supported by additional activities of a commercial nature, such as catering, photography or the sale of equipment. In these cases a separate Commercial Activity Permit application needs to be lodged for the “associated commercial activities” when applying for a permit from FPQ and fees may be applicable (see above).

### Catering

It is accepted in society that catering (sale of food and drink) will be available at large events. FPQ considers catering, that is appropriate to the scale of the event or activity, to be 'integral' to managing the event or activity. Appropriate catering will therefore be exempt from the applicable Commercial Activity Permit application and permit fees.

### All other associated commercial activities

Where an activity is not 'integral' to the management of the event or activity then full commercial fees apply and separate applications and permits will be required.

## CROSS AGENCY PERMITS

On occasion an applicant may wish to access the Plantation Licence Area managed by FPQ and State forest and/or protected area managed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) for a single activity.

In such cases:

- a single application is required
- a single set of fees will apply
- the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) will administer the permit.
- all application forms and fees should be submitted to DERM
- DERM will issue the joint permit over both FPQ and QPWS land.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**FPQ will administer and issue permits for activities solely accessing the Plantation Licence Area. If your application involves only FPQ managed forests, your application must be submitted to FPQ.**