

COMPETITIVE EVENTS

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.

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Competitive horse and motor vehicle events are managed by FPQ under a Competitive Event Permit. All other competitive events are managed under a Group Activity Permit.

The term "competition" includes events in which participants compete for prizes or points in an organised manner where rules and regulations apply to the event and participant performance is judged on one or more criteria.

The term "competition" includes, but is not restricted to, racing or time trials. Equestrian competition includes races, trials and exhibition.

COMPETITIVE EVENT PERMITS

Competitive motor vehicle and equestrian events may only be conducted in the Plantation Licence Area by the holder of a permit to traverse or other authority under section 5(c) and section 36 of the *Forestry Regulation 1998*. FPQ issues Competitive Event Permits for all motor vehicle and equestrian events.

An application form can be obtained from your local FPQ office, or online at 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.



Photo courtesy of Far-A-Way Adventure Riders

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 the application.

Fees

The fees applicable are dependant on the nature of the activity and the period of the permit.

Fees are subject to a price rise 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.

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.

ASSOCIATED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

There will be times where a Competitive Event 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.



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 Competitive Event permit activities.

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 Commercial Activity Permit application fees applicable to catering associated with a Competitive Event Permit. Commercial Activity Permit permit fees will apply .

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

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.