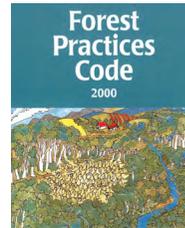


# History of Tasmania's Forest Service



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## Finding the Right Balance

Towards the end of the 20th century, attitudes towards the exploitation of forests changed. As well as sustainable yield and financial return, other values grew in importance – an increased focus on ecological, social, environmental and aesthetic issues led to a review of forestry practices. The results included Tasmania's Forest Practices Act, Forest Practices Code and Timber Harvesting Plans, which regulated the use and regeneration of the forest resource and ensured that other values were respected.

Today's Forestry Tasmania was established in 1994. The role of the organisation is to manage Tasmania's state forests using the principles of ecologically-sustainable forest management.

It's a complex task that involves achieving a balance between often-conflicting views and values. Forestry Tasmania does much more than manage timber production – scientific research, tourism initiatives and the stewardship of extensive protected reserves are all part of the job in 21st century forestry.

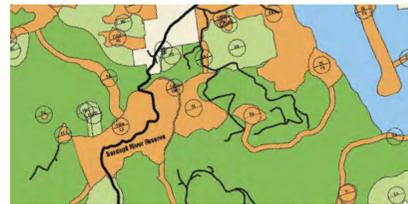


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## Fascinating Forest Facts

Did you know that beneath the asphalt of some central London streets, there are wooden paving blocks of Tasmanian blue gum? They were laid to make carriages run more smoothly and quietly!

Today, Forestry Tasmania operates a fleet of vehicles from 4WDs to fire tankers – but this was the first. 'Waltzing Matilda', a 1925 Model T Ford, bumped along forest roads and tracks from 1925.