



PRIVATE FORESTS  
TASMANIA

## Have you been asked by a plantation manager to sign documentation to revoke a Private Timber Reserves (PTR) on land they lease from you?

When harvesting of plantations on their land is being planned, landowners may be asked by representatives of the company to consent to the removal of the Private Timber Reserve from their land title (revocation). Typically, this is requested because there is a requirement for reforestation to be included in the Forest Practices Plan (FPP) when a PTR is present. For example, in the case of leases with companies that became insolvent the receiver-managers have been requesting revocation because they do not want to be responsible for reforestation and its cost.

Landowners should understand that, even though allowing a PTR to be applied to the lease or share-farm area may have originally been a contractual requirement of a forestry company, once declared it belongs with the land title and hence the landowner. It does not 'belong' to the company and the ultimate decision to revoke it rests solely with the landowner. Landowners should not feel pressured into immediately consenting to its removal. Sometimes removal may not be in your best interests.

**PFT can provide impartial advice to help you make the decision that best fits your needs.**

Some landowners may be committed to converting the plantation area to pasture or other land uses and, in those circumstances, the removal of the PTR may be appropriate. However, even in those circumstances, the landowner should keep control of the negotiation and here **PFT can assist by providing impartial advice.**

### ***Questions that you need to answer before agreeing to the revocation of a PTR include:***

Q. Am I fully aware of the consequences of revoking, or retaining, my land as a PTR?

A. If 'No' you should **contact PFT for impartial advice**

Q. Do I know my intended land use after the harvest of the plantation?

A.

1. If you are committed to converting all the plantation area to non-forest after harvest → Agree to the revocation of the PTR (but consider negotiating for some beneficial outcomes in return for your agreement (**contact PFT for impartial advice on what you could ask for**).
2. If you are committed to continuing to use the land for forestry → Do not agree to the revocation of the PTR
3. If you are uncertain of the land use after the harvest of the plantation → Retain the PTR and **contact PFT for impartial advice.**