

Private Timber Reserve key facts

What is a PTR?

A private timber reserve is an area of private land or forest set aside for forestry purposes and is registered on the title of land. It may be an area of native forest, a tree plantation, or an area of land intended to be planted in the near future.

The benefits of a PTR

- Secures the right to use the land to establish trees, grow trees or harvest timber for the long term;
- Local government planning approval is not required, making the planning process simpler;
- Land is eligible for Primary Production Land classification, which means no land tax is payable; and
- Other compatible activities can still be undertaken on a PTR.

How do I get a PTR?

- Application forms are available from Private Forests Tasmania (PFT).
- The application process has two parts:
 - Part A is completed by the applicant ie. the landowner; and
 - Part B is completed by a forest practices officer (FPO).
- Applications must be in the name of the registered title owner, and need to include a copy of the title, a location map showing the proposed PTR, and the application fee.
- Completed applications are submitted to Private Forests Tasmania for processing.
- Applications are advertised in the local newspapers and the relevant council is notified.

Can I remove a PTR?

Yes, applications to remove a PTR are available from PFT. Landowners should seek independent advice before making any commitment to remove a PTR, as sometimes removal may not be in the landowner's best interests.

Questions you may want to ask before revoking a Private Timber Reserve:

Question

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

Answer

If no, you should obtain an objective opinion about the costs & benefits. PFT would be happy to provide you with free information by calling the PFT Helpline on [1300 661 009](tel:1300661009).

Question

Do I know my intended land use now and for the future?

Answer

1. If you are committed to converting all or part of the area to non-forest, then apply for revocation of all or part of the PTR.
2. If you wish to continue to use the land for forestry, then retain the PTR.
3. If you are uncertain of the land use, then retain the PTR and contact the PFT Helpline [1300 661 009](tel:1300661009) for more information.

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helpline on 1300 661 009 or visit
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