



TIWI LAND COUNCIL

INFORMATION FOR TIWI LAND OWNERS

The Forests of Tiwi Islands – on the Road to Success

The Tiwi Islands Plantations Corporation manages the Tiwi Islands forests – creating an opportunity for the Tiwi community to manage our own land, create jobs and grow a locally owned industry.

The Tiwi Islands' plantations are recognised as one of the most environmentally well-managed forests in Australia.

Tiwi Plantations Corporation, Tiwi Enterprises, Port Melville and Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board are all working together, which reduces costs and increases efficiency.

This provides an opportunity to develop an industry that benefits the Tiwi Islands in many ways; including creating jobs, educating local people, building infrastructure and growing pride in our community.

Great Southern Plantations is no longer involved in the management of the Tiwi plantations.

Increased Jobs and Training for Tiwi Residents

Locally owned plantations mean a more sustainable operation and more jobs for local residents, enabling Tiwi communities to become more financially independent.

The current plantation maintenance operation employs 22 people, half of whom are Tiwi.

100 new jobs for residents will be created over the next four years. Residents will have the opportunity to expand their skills and knowledge through local training and education.

The plantations will grow jobs in harvesting, chipping, trucking, chip loading, plant nursery and field replanting operations, ultimately leading to stand alone Tiwi subcontracting business enterprises.

This then creates other industries such as training. Tiwi intend to establish a Tiwi Industry Training Centre of Excellence at Yapilika, working through Tiwi Plantations Corporation, Tiwi College and TITEB, to recruit, employ and train young Tiwi to provide the workforce, and ultimately supervisory and managerial positions.





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Acacia Products

The Tiwi plantations are growing their own asset – Acacia. The market demand for Acacia products is growing and the price is strong, meaning further positive impacts on the Tiwi Islands economy.

The geographical location and weather conditions of the Tiwi Islands provide a thriving environment for the growth of Acacia.

The Tiwi Islands are in close proximity to Asia, where the big Acacia markets exist.

Trees grow well in the Tiwi Islands due to regular rain and a natural underground aquifer provides permanent free irrigation.

Protecting Local Species

In 2003 Tiwi produced the Tiwi Islands Regional Natural Resource Management Strategy.

One of the underlying thrusts of this Strategy was the long-term protection of Tiwi natural resources and wildlife.

A funding grant through the Indigenous Land Corporation has allowed for the continuation of threatened species monitoring, ecological studies and the environmental Offset Projects.

