

# **Sustainable farming practices and the oil mallee code of practice**

# The function of the Code

- the Code is a guide for the development of **Management Plans** that form the basis of mallee **establishment** and include, **tending**, fire management and harvesting operations;
- the Code does not include detailed prescriptions for works, which it is acknowledged should generally reflect individual objectives and circumstances. Prescriptions also vary between growers and are the responsibility of individual **Managers**;
- the Code complements related Acts, Regulations, **Management Plans**, other relevant Codes of Practice, State policies, Local Government Planning Schemes and State and national statements that relate directly or indirectly to mallee **crops** (a list of relevant Acts, Regulations and other relevant reference documents is provided in Appendix 1);
- the Code applies to both public and private mallee growers on all land tenures;
- A committee representing the Oil Mallee Association, relevant government agencies and other stakeholders has developed the Code.

# Benefits of the Code of Practice

- confidence in securing opportunities for the export of mallee products without additional licenses or approvals; Local Governments can rely on adherence to this Code where planning approval for the **establishment** of mallees is not required under a Town Planning Scheme (i.e. it is a permitted land use);
- this Code provides **Managers** of mallees with a single reference document encompassing all relevant rules and regulations relating to growing of mallees in Western Australia. However, **Managers** should be aware that this Code might not reflect the current status of regulations as they may change over time;
- this Code provides increased confidence for investors dealing with **Managers** of mallee **crops**;
- adoption of this Code and adherence to this Code will ensure the industry is professional, accountable and credible;
- adoption of this Code supports the sustainable management processes applied in the mallee industry by ensuring that growers apply best practice;
- products produced from mallees managed in accordance with the Code will meet with the approval of an increasingly environmentally conscious market.

# Key components

- Management Plans (Silviculture Plan, Fire Management Plan, Harvest Plan)
- Location, Planning and Design of Mallee Crops
- Mallee Crops within Public Drinking Water Source Areas
- Roads
- Silviculture
- Harvesting
- Fire management
- Knowledge management
- OH&S
- Competency and training