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Proposed amendments

No. 1 **Sustainable forest management**

Page 35, Schedule 3[2]. Insert after line 12—

- (1B) An action by the Corporation under subsection (1A) must—
 - (a) be consistent with the obligations of the Corporation under a sustainable forest management certification scheme, including the following—
 - (i) restrictions on converting forested land to non-forest uses,
 - (ii) requirements to support local communities and timber processors with sustainable yield of forest products in the short, medium, and long term, and
 - (b) not result in premature harvesting of timber or the net loss of timber or land available for forestry operations.
- (1C) The Corporation must ensure that any land used for forestry operations in substitution for land used for the construction and operation of renewable energy infrastructure—
 - (a) is a similar distance from local timber processors as the land for which it is substituted, and
 - (b) is of the same or greater productive capacity, and
 - (c) has the same or greater average annual rainfall.

No. 2 **Forest permits**

Page 35, Schedule 3[3]. Insert after line 22—

- (1A) The land manager of a forestry area must not issue a permit under subsection (1)(b) unless the land manager is satisfied that issuing the permit—
 - (a) is consistent with the obligations of the land manager under a sustainable forest management certification scheme, including the following—
 - (i) restrictions on converting forested land to non-forest uses,
 - (ii) requirements to support local communities and timber processors with sustainable yield of forest products in the short, medium, and long term, and
 - (b) will not result in premature harvesting of timber or the net loss of timber or land available for forestry operations.

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- (1B) The land manager of a forestry area must not issue a permit under subsection (1)(b) unless land used for forestry operations in substitution for the land subject to the permit—
- (a) is a similar distance from local timber processors as the land for which it is substituted, and
 - (b) is of the same or greater productive capacity, and
 - (c) has the same or greater average annual rainfall.