

# SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE

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Mr Steve Hartley,  
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20/9/10

**RE: BREACHES OF EDEN IFOA-TSL, TANTAWANGALO SF, CPT 2434- COUP 2,  
CPT 2432 – COUP 2**

Dear Steve,

On Sunday 19/9/10 SEFR conducted a second audit of Tantawangalo SF Compartment 2434 coup 2 and Cpt 2432 coup 2 and found the following breaches of the Eden region IFOA-TSL. All coordinates are AGD 66 datum.

## **5.11. Rocky Outcrops and Cliffs**

- a) Specified forestry activities are prohibited within areas of rocky outcrops and cliffs.*
  - b) In addition, exclusion zones of at least 20 metres wide must be implemented around all rocky outcrops more than 0.1 hectare (approx. 30m x 30m), and all cliffs.*
  - c) Exclusion zones of at least 40 metres wide must be implemented around all rocky outcrops more than 0.5 hectare.*
- (Note: it is not intended to exclude SFNSW from all areas that have a scattered or stony or rocky ground cover. Only those areas where rocks and exposed boulders cover greater than 70% of at least a 0.1 hectare area. Those areas that fall within the definition of Rocky Outcrops and Cliffs are considered to contain likely habitat for threatened flora and fauna.)*

### **BREACH 1: 5.11. (a)**

At the following three locations unmarked rocky outcrops were found that have been logged.

RO1: 0722891, 5922458 RO2: 0722976, 5922393 RO3: 0722981, 5921695.

RO1 and RO2 are in cpt.2434 and RO3 is in cpt 2432. All of them have stumps and machinery disturbance on them.

### **BREACH 2: 5.11. (b)**

All of the above outcrops have no exclusion zone and all exclusion zones have been logged. At RO4 0723094, 5921574 in cpt 2432 the outcrop has not been logged but what should have been an exclusion zone has been logged.

With the addition of these there is a total of 11 rocky outcrops that we have identified in the three adjoining compartments audited (2432, 2433, 2434), that have not been marked for exclusion and have been logged.

The failure by Forests NSW SFO's to identify these outcrops following previous breaches and the production of a manual to help SFO's in the field shows the regulatory framework is not working. This situation requires immediate action by DECCW. The Minister must be informed

and action in the Land and Environment Court commenced to remedy these breaches and restrain further breaches by Forests NSW.

SEFR requests that this breach report be investigated by DECC and not handed to FNSW to self audit. SEFR also requests that after DECC's audit a meeting in the field with SEFR occurs.

Thank you for investigating these breaches in the context of your ongoing regulatory activities and we await your response.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Daines