



# ***SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE***

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20 February, 2011

Attn: DECCW EPR FU

**Re: Cathcart State Forest Cpts 1376, 1377 and proposed Cpts 1374, 1375, 1378**

Dear Michael/Steve,

South East Forest Rescue again contends that the FNSW koala surveys in relation to the Cathcart State Forest native forest logging operations are not adequate. Further, consultation is required to occur in the pre-planning stage, and that consultation did not occur.

As you are aware information we have reviewed shows koala records within two kilometres of compartments 1376, 1377 and the proposed Cpts 1374, 1375, 1378.

As you are aware this triggers cl 8.8.1 (a) (ii) which states if a reliable survey records evidence of a species pre-logging and pre-roading surveys are required.

To have not done these required surveys is a breach of the Eden TSL cl 8.8.1 and 8.8.12.

Further to have logged compartment 1376 without these surveys and consultation is a breach.

Why was this error not flagged by DECCW in 2005? Particularly when SEFR highlighted the mass movement breaches in this compartment at that time. Surely it would follow that the compartment was thoroughly scrutinised.?

SEFR is of the opinion that those surveys do not meet the requirements as specified in the TSL and as such the pre-logging pre-roading report is invalid and that if harvesting operations recommence within 10 days then Forests NSW will be in breach of the IFOA-TSL, as per Mumbulla State Forest Cpts 2135 and 2133, because surveys must be submitted to DECCW at least ten days before logging commences.

We request that you immediately inform Forests NSW of this situation and advise them that they are not to commence until ten days after submission of surveys to DECCW. And further logging cannot commence until results of any consultation procedure are finalised.

Kind Regards,

*L Stone*

*S. Daines*

This is the information we received from FNSW:

**From:** [Kevin Petty](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 11:58 AM  
**To:** [SEFR](#)  
**Subject:** FW: cathcart 1376/7 harvest plan

Dear Tony,

Previous reliable surveys were used from 2005 for Compartments 1376/77.

A NPWS Atlas data link caused the koala records you refer to be missed from the original Map. This technical error was a result of Head Office data transfer from Deccw to the Region.

The Operational Map for 1376/77 has been updated and a minor amendment completed, however it doesn't change the harvest plan text as there were already existing records within 2kms (pre 2005).

Additional koala surveys are therefore not required for this operation. Forests NSW can supply you the 2005 previous reliable koala surveys once they are available (scanning etc). Please indicate if you would like a copy of these.

Cheers,

Kev

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Tony,

Amended maps attached.

Koala surveys sheets will be forwarded when ready, unsure when that will be.

Cheers,

Kev

**Kevin Petty**  
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