

SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE

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Mr Steve Dodds
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cc: David Nicholson, EPA Forestry Unit

RE: BREACH OF IFOA-EPL, CPT 3199 DAMPIER STATE FOREST No 926

Dear Steve,

On receiving the February 05 monthly report and the harvest plan for Dampier 3199, it has come to our attention that Forests NSW are in breach of schedule 4 of the EPL.

C. SEASONALITY RESTRICTIONS

4. For land classified as inherent hazard level 3 with an average annual rainfall erosivity between 4000 and 6000, no forestry activities are permitted within the compartment during the periods specified in Module 4 of Schedule 3 of this licence.

The e-mail that contained the February report stated that this compartment started in January 05. The harvest plan and map clearly state that there is a seasonality restriction for this compartment and therefore Forests NSW are in breach of the EPL.

On page 26 of the harvest plan there are spaces for the SFO and the contractor to sign that they have received a copy of the plan and that they have been briefed on the conditions of the plan. Obviously this has not occurred for this particular compartment. It is hard to conceive how this occurred given that section 10.5 of the harvest plan and the map make note of the seasonality restriction.

We would like an explanation how this breach occurred with your so called comprehensive planning procedures, what action will be taken against the people at fault and what steps have been taken to remedy this situation so these breaches will not occur in the future. We await your reply.

Regards,

Scott Daines