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Mr. Ian Cranwell  
Department of Natural Resources

Dear Ian,

## **RE: BREACHES OF EDEN IFOA, 24 ANNUAL REPORTS ON LOGGING OPERATIONS.**

Following on from our previous letter regarding a breach of clause 48, and the obtaining of the annual reports for the past 5 years we would like to bring to your attention breaches of the following clauses in several annual reports.

### ***24. Annual reports on logging operations***

*(1) SFNSW is to progressively record the following information relating to logging operations in the Eden Region:*

*(a) the quantity of each timber product harvested (as described in clause 5(2)) in the course of thinning; and*

*(b) the quantity of each timber product harvested other than in the course of thinning;*

*(e) where harvesting has been completed, the area logged together with the total area of the net harvestable areas; and*

### **2001 Report**

In part (a) Timber product harvested in the course of thinning, which relates to 24(1)(a), it only has thinning pulp listed as products harvested. In the latter reports it can be seen that in thinning operations there is some HQL or other products harvested. This report seems to be incomplete regarding this clause.

### **2002 Report**

This report has the same problem in part (a) as the 2001 report. There is also a problem with clause 24(1)(e) of this report. The actual area harvested figure is missing. A note in the report regarding this says, "actual area harvested has not been digitized as yet due to other work priorities". It is now more than 3 years since this report was produced. Surely they could have digitized the area by now and if not why?

### **2003 Report**

The 2003 report has a different format to the previous two reports but still suffers the same problem in that 24(1)(a) is again incomplete. It also seems that in this report

24(1)(b) is also incomplete as there is no “other products” listed for operations other than thinning.

Also totally missing in this report is 24(1)(e), the area logged together with the total area of the net harvestable areas. This highlights the gross mismanagement of Forests NSW.

The 2004 and 2005 reports seem to have all the relevant figures included, by Forests NSW interpretation, although we have problems with the amount of data and their interpretation of some clauses. These other concerns will be the subject of another letter to separate actual breaches by Forests NSW own interpretation, which this letter deals with, from breaches arising from our interpretation of the clauses.

It is unacceptable that Forests NSW have not finalized the 2001,02 and 03 reports after all these years. We would hope that this situation will be rectified immediately and that action is taken against Forests NSW for their failure to supply annual reports that comply with the IFOA.

We wish to be informed when the updated reports are ready to be collected from Forests NSW. Even better would be if they could e-mail the reports to us as we have already paid for 8 pages of incomplete reports at 40 cents per page.

Thank you for your time investigating these breaches and we await your reply.

If you require any further information please call me.

Regards,

Scott Daines

Attachments:  
2001,2002,2003,2004,2005 Annual reports