

SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE

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RE: BREACHES OF EDEN IFOA-TSL, GLENBOG SF, CPT 2360- COUP 3

BREACH : Eden IFOA TSL conditions 5.1h and 5.2

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your acknowledgement of our previous report.

Further to that, we report that the breach recommenced at about 11.05am yesterday morning, only deeper into the compartment. By 11.30am the three logging machines had made their way down to dump C and commenced felling trees in the also unmarked harvest area.

5.2. Compartment Mark-up Surveys

a) An adequately trained person must conduct a thorough search for, record and appropriately mark the following threatened and protected species features during or before the marking-up of a compartment.

i. Nests and roosts for those species listed in Condition 5.13 of this licence;

ii. Dens of the following species: Yellow-bellied Glider, Squirrel Glider and Brush-tailed Phascogale;

iii. Koalas and Koala scats;

iv. Flying-fox camps;

v. Latrine and den sites of the Spotted-tailed Quoll;

vi. Distinctive scats (e.g. Spotted-tailed Quoll, Koala);

vii. Allocasuarina spp. with more than 30 crushed cones beneath;

viii. Yellow-bellied Glider and Squirrel Glider sap feed trees;

ix. Microchiropteran bat tree roosts;

x. Microchiropteran bat subterranean roosts (caves, tunnels and disused mineshafts);

xi. Swift Parrot and Regent Honeyeater feed or nest trees;

xii. Permanent soaks and seepages in Heleioporous australiacus potential habitat; and

xiii. Threatened flora species and protected native plants likely to occur in the compartment requiring protection under Conditions 6.16, 6.17, 6.18 and 6.19 of this licence.

b) Searches for threatened species features must be conducted within that portion of the net logging area where harvesting will occur, and within 50 metres outside this area.

c) Harvesting operations are prohibited in areas which have not been subject to compartment mark-up surveys.

d) Where any of these features are found, the feature must be recorded, the Harvesting Plan (including the Operational Map) must be amended accordingly and the appropriate Condition applied.

As logging operations are prohibited in compartments that have not been marked up, we witnessed illegal logging first hand and recorded it. All the while FNSW Tom Halliday was

supervising the illegal operation. We call for regulatory action on this matter. It is not satisfactory that excuses of impenetrable understory be allowed.

Also on ocular observation the compartment not only contains Yellow-bellied Gliders but Squirrel Gliders, Flame Robins and Rufous Fantails. There is no mention of these species in the harvest plan.

It was also noted that the placement of dump C was far less than desirable, as it was put hard up against and into a small rocky outcrop. It is totally unacceptable for such flagrant disregard for the legal prescriptions to be remedied with a warning letter.

Yours sincerely,

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