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Mr Andrew Mattes,
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RE: BREACH OF EDEN IFOA-TSL, MUMBULLA SF, CPT 2133

Dear Andrew,

On Saturday 10/5/10 SEFR conducted an audit of Mumbulla SF compartment 2133 and found the following breach of the Eden region IFOA-TSL. All coordinates are AGD 66 datum.

BREACH 1:

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.)

Point A 0758979, 5946046 and point B 0759023, 5946020 are located on an unmarked rocky outcrop that is greater than 0.1ha with no exclusion zone. Point A is towards the NW of the outcrop and nearby there are stumps and disturbance in what should be an exclusion zone. Point B is at the SE of the outcrop and logging has occurred and disturbed the rocky outcrop itself.

SEFR calls for an urgent investigation by DECC into this breach and the other recent rocky outcrop breaches that have been reported. 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

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