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Dear Ian,

RE: BREACHES OF SOUTHERN IFOA, 31 ANNUAL REPORT ON LOGGING OPERATIONS

A few months ago we obtained a copy of the 2004/05 annual report for the southern region. Like the Eden region annual reports, it is also in breach of the IFOA, namely 31(1)(a),(b) and (e).

31. Annual reports on logging operations

(1) From 1 July 2002, SFNSW is to progressively record the following information relating to logging operations in the Southern Region:

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

(b) the quantity of each timber product harvested (as described in clause 5(2)) other than in the course of thinning;

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

As can be seen on the copy of the report supplied there are no figures for “timber other than HQL and timber for charcoal” for both thinning (31(1)(a)) and other than thinning (31(1)(b)). We find it hard to believe that Forests NSW only produced 37 526 m3 of HQL and no other products for the year.

Totally missing from the report are any figures relating to 31(1)(e). In the box that covers this clause and clause (c), the figures supplied relate totally to thinning, clause (c) only.

Are these the same reports that Forests NSW send to you as required by the IFOA? If these are the same, have you ever questioned the completeness of these reports? If not why not?

Again I would ask you to facilitate our request for a copy of the complete annual report for 2004/05 from Forests NSW.

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

Attachment:
2004/05 Annual report