



# ***SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE***

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EPRG

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Dear EPRG,

Upon travelling to Tallaganda State Forest Cpt 2240 heading west on Slap Up Road we came upon trees felled/bulldozed over a road which we will call 2241/1 Rd. This road runs north off Slap Up Rd.

The road seems to be the border between Gourock National Park and Tallaganda State Forest.

There are obvious bulldozer marks on the first tree on the road. This tree was a hollow bearing tree and contained obvious hollows. The second tree was a stag. It was bulldozed and then turned and placed butt end to the crown of the first. Ten metres up this road three smaller trees were felled/bulldozed across the road.

The harvest plan for these compartments states:

***National Parks***

*National Park forms the southern boundary of the planning unit. Slap Up Road and 2241/1 Road form the boundary. A 20m Road maintenance corridor applies along these roads to allow for road maintenance activities. Harvesting is not permitted within the road corridor.*

- *No harvest disturbance is permitted in within National Park.*
- *Access roads must be maintained free of debris and in a trafficable state.<sup>1</sup>*

The Southern Region IFOA TSL Appendix B provides:

*Routine road maintenance means the clearing, scraping or treating of a revegetated road where all of the trees growing on the road have a dboh of less than 20cm.*

This compartment was not marked up. The access road was not free and certainly was not 'trafficable'. We state large habitat trees being felled across the road is a breach of the harvest plan and IFOA TSL. SEFR requests that an immediate investigation be undertaken by OEH of these breaches.

Kind Regards,

*L Stone*

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<sup>1</sup> Forests NSW Southern Region Harvesting Plan Native Forests Tallaganda SF Compartments 2240/41/42, p12.