

SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE

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RE: BREACHES OF TSL, COMPARTMENT 3284 WANDELLA STATE FOREST NO 1008.

Dear David,

On Saturday 18th June 2005 a community walk into Wandella SF cpt 3284 was held. On this walk several breaches of the TSL were observed.

5.6 Tree Retention

The following condition must be applied within the non-regrowth zone:

b) Non-regrowth Zone Recruitment Tree Retention

ii. Retained recruitment trees must show potential for developing into hollow-bearing trees. Retained recruitment trees must have good crown development and should have minimal butt damage and should not be suppressed. Mature and late mature trees must be retained as recruitment trees where they are available.

On the walk we went down 3284/2 Rd from dump 6 all the way to dump 7. Between dumps 9 and 7 there were many R trees marked that were either suppressed or of a very poor form. These were visible from the road as we walked down.

Some of these trees, mainly down at dump 7 had the R mark crossed out. I questioned an SFO about this and he said that they were remarking some as they were not up to scratch. When asked why they were marked in the first place given their drawbacks he had no response.

Also of note is an area on 3284/3 Rd near dumps 1 and 2. This area was logged at the beginning of 2003. During this logging or immediately after it seems that Forests NSW have engaged in TSI work. All of the Angophora's have been ring barked. The whole area looks devastated and we question the legality of this operation and as such request that you inspect this area also. If this operation is not a breach then perhaps it is evidence that the TSL should be changed to make it a breach.

Once again these breaches are occurring and the public cannot spend long enough in the compartment to document them because Forests NSW have prohibited the area. We request you immediately investigate the breaches and enforce the TSL to the maximum extent where practicable.

We would request that you attend the site ASAP and that you facilitate the permission for one of our members to accompany you on your inspection. We await your response. The quickest way to contact is phone 0427 221691.

Regards,
Scott Daines