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Re: Dampier SF Cpt 3127 Breaches of Southern IFOA TSL

Following our recent inspection of Dampier State Forest Cpt 3127 on 26 September we report the following breaches of the recent forestry operations.

EPL Litter Schedule 4A. I. 165.

Around the dump site were found numerous instances of rubbish left behind by the forestry workers such as large oily patches, hydraulic tubes, wire, chains, oily rags, bubble wrap, plastic bags, etc.

165. Waste must be removed from the forest and disposed of in a proper and efficient manner at an appropriate facility.

Breach of TSL 5.4 Logging in rainforest exclusion zone

At or about 0756425/6001718 on 3172/2 Rd north of the large dump site is a road (the second track) that goes down into a rainforest gully. Many tree ferns were damaged. Many of the stumps were over 20cm. This was also an owl reserve. We did not see any marking up of this rainforest. Even if this was not noted on desktop it should have been marked up in the field.

5.4.b) The on ground identification and location of Rainforest and exclusion zones established around Warm Temperate and Cool Temperate Rainforest, must be undertaken before or during pre-logging mark-up.

Breach of TSL 5.6 g(i) and g(ii) Damaged and Debris around H and R trees

Down this track there were two H trees with much debris around their base, an R tree with no head and debris, a felled hollow bearing tree.

East of the dump was a patch of many H and R trees clumped together. At 0756542/6001682 there was debris around H and R trees. This was also the case at 0756579/6001649, and the same again 10 metres down the slope. Additionally, the selection of many of the marked trees was of poor quality.

Further breaches of this TSL were found at 0755554/6001472 where there were two H trees with debris and a H without a head.

We note that the harvest plan states this logging is STS, but the intensity we witnessed looks similar in style to Eden region logging. Clear felled hillsides are not any form of environmental protection. There is serious adverse impacts to the many threatened species of the area and the water catchment, it seems 'best practice' was not factored in to this logging event. We contend that there would be numerous further breaches of the TSL and EPL evident regularly throughout the compartment.

We request regulatory action on this matter.

Kind Regards

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