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Dear Steve,

**Re: Compartment 62 South Brooman**

Thank you for your reply (your ref. DOC09/53274) regarding our previous report for compartment 62 Sth Brooman State Forest which has again been inspected by us.

We regret that your officers could not find rainforest at the locations we previously supplied. Perhaps our letter was not clear. We would suggest, with all due respect that they traverse the FMZ3A on the southern/ south western edge of the compartment. It is clearly marked on the harvest plan. There is easy access into the FMZ from the highway at the Cockwhy Creek Bridge. Along this, if entered from 3A into the logging sites, your officers will find numerous incursions into rainforest. We found instances where pink tape had been placed then changed to suit the contractor. We also found instances where pink tape had been ignored. Attached is a photo of where a boundary marker has been bulldozed over. We contend that the Rainforest exclusion zone of 20 metres has not been adhered to. For example at 0256035/6065951.

Although Compartment 62 was last logged in 2002/2003, this compartment was identified for a recut due to the numerous areas of high site quality that were not cut during the last logging event. Such areas include around filter strips and rainforest and were most probably left due to incorrect application of retention and mark-up prescriptions.

SEFR contends that FNSW change the regulations to suit themselves. We also contend that the rainforest was correctly marked up in 2002/03 as FNSW use ESRI/Arc view data and that has not changed. We have also obtained a copy of the 2002/03 harvest plan map and there seems to be no difference. The pre-logged rainforest is clearly visible on Google Earth images 2004 attached.

We also contend that the 20m exclusion zone for 2nd order drainage lines has not been adhered to. The gully in question is to the east of Hapgood Road adjacent to dump 16. For example 0254480/6065041 we found a stump approx 8m from edge of the channel. Approximately 10m north of this mark is another example. If your officers were to inspect this gully you would find numerous examples.

The general impression of the operations seen in this most recent inspection is that big stumps predominate, R trees have been used as bumpers and the dirt of H and R mark ups is of note.

One exception being a 753cm circumference H tree spotted gum thankfully retained at 0254467/6064988 in compartment 62 which by the by had debris within 5 metres and greater than 1 metre high. Also of note was the size of the canopy openings throughout the area inspected, which seem excessive.

In the adjoining compartment 63 which has recently commenced operations our inspection of the area logged adjacent to dump 1 uncovered more examples of trees logged from out of rainforest and/or from within drainage protection strips. It is beyond belief that there is no mapped rainforest in compartment 63. We have serious concerns, from what we observed yesterday, that this logging is illegal on a number of fronts.

We are also wondering if there is any feedback yet regarding our report in August of this year stating our concerns about Mogo Cpt 189.

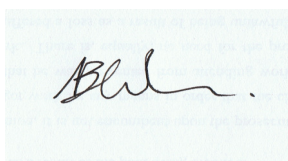
The harvest plan for Mogo 189 states that it is STS. It is obviously AGS. Residents are very unhappy.

It seems slightly contra-indicatory to be reporting breaches on the logging of rainforest when the logging of all rainforest was made illegal, in the eyes of the law, in 1982. The Senate Standing Committee on Environment undertook a "Land Use Policy Investigation" in 1982. The State and Federal investigations ultimately prompted a 90,000 (ha) addition to existing National Park reserves in NSW, primarily to protect stands of remnant rainforest and consequently the Rainforest Policy was adopted.

We ask that you send DECCW officers to investigate. The past recent practise of sending FNSW staff is highly dubious and open to corrupt findings.

Yours

*Lisa Stone*

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South East Forest Rescue

Please note: all GPS coordinates are AGD 66.