



# Forest Operations Coupe Plan

for

Harvest Unit 288-517-0005-A - Fruit Fly

Alexandra  
288 - Snobs

## Location of coupe centroid

Easting/Northing: (GDA-94)	405557/5861818 Zone 55
VicGrid	2582629/2456809
Latitude/Longitude:	37° 23' 8" S/145° 55' 59" E

This Forest Operations Coupe Plan consists of the following five sections:

- Section 1 - Coupe Description
- Section 2 - Contractor Direction
- Section 3 - Occupational Health and Safety
- Section 4 - Coupe Management Actions
- Section 5 - Harvesting Commencement and Completion Declarations

## Plan Preparation and Endorsement

Prepared By	Signed	Date
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**FOREST OPERATIONS COUPE PLAN - SECTION 1**  
 Contractor Section - Coupe Description

Descriptive Information		(also see Part 2: Coupe Map - Operation and Context)		
Forest type	Alpine Ash predominant			
Area of TRP Boundary	42.0			
Area of Harvest Unit (operational area)	7.9			
Regional Forest Agreement	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS			
Forest Management Area	Central			
General aspect	North-easterly			
Elevation	1070 meters			
Slope	Minimum 10°; Average 15°; Maximum 30°			
Proportion of the nett coupe area > 20°	41-70 %			
		Horizon A	Horizon B	Horizon C
Soil Erosion Classification		<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>High</i>
Soil Permeability Classification		<i>High</i>	<i>High</i>	-
Overall Soil Category		<i>Low</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	-
Rock cover exceeds 30% of nett area	Yes			

Estimated species and volumes			
Product	Grade	Volume	
Alpine Ash	B	668 m <sup>3</sup>	
Alpine Ash	C	668 m <sup>3</sup>	
Alpine Ash	D	134 m <sup>3</sup>	
Alpine Ash	E	601 m <sup>3</sup>	
Alpine Ash	H	2938 m <sup>3</sup>	
Mountain Ash	B	134 m <sup>3</sup>	
Mountain Ash	C	134 m <sup>3</sup>	

Estimated species and volumes

Product	Grade	Volume
Mountain Ash	D	27 m <sup>3</sup>
Mountain Ash	E	147 m <sup>3</sup>
Mountain Ash	H	588 m <sup>3</sup>
Shining Gum	B	134 m <sup>3</sup>
Shining Gum	C	134 m <sup>3</sup>
Shining Gum	D	27 m <sup>3</sup>
Shining Gum	E	147 m <sup>3</sup>
Shining Gum	H	588 m <sup>3</sup>

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 Contractor Section - Contractor Direction

Personnel	
VF Officer	
Contractor	
Operational Issues	
Silvicultural Intent	Adaptive Silvicultural Systems
Silviculture system(s)	Regrowth Retention Harvesting
Recommended harvesting period	Summer of 2020-2021
Description of the coupe boundaries and method used to locate boundary in the field	Northern boundary is harvesting regeneration Eastern boundary is multiple Leadbeater Possum SPZ's Southern boundary is the TRP boundary which abuts the Dragonfly harvest unit Western boundary is a combination of slope exclusion and a Leadbeater Possum SPZ Boundary has been marked in the field with blue flagging tape. A GPS, compass, rangefinder and hipchain was used to identify and locate the boundray in the field.
Operational constraints	Snobs creek catchment area
Social Issues	
Identified social issues	Coupe is located within the snobs creek creek area and is of high stakeholder interest.
Coupe Access	
Proposed Access	
Proposed driveway length to construct	0
Proposed in-coupe road length to construct	0
Proposed in-coupe roading requirements	
Proposed number of stream crossings	0
Proposed number of landings	0



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Environmental and operational specification Standard		
All operations to be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014 and VicForests Utilisation Procedures except where additional specifications or variations are specified below. Where there is no comment (ie the column is blank), it should be read ' <i>No variation to the standard procedure</i> '.		
Environmental & Operational Elements		Variations, amendments or additional instructions
Utilisation Procedures Section		
<b>Planned silvicultural system and requirements</b>		
	Planned silvicultural system and requirements	<p>It is proposed that a regeneration burn is undertaken across the required area of the site to produce a receptive seedbed. Where the regeneration burn is undertaken retained seed and habitat trees will have harvesting debris cleared from around the bole to a distance of 3m. Islands will be fire trailed. A modified burn strategy will be utilised to avoid excessive scorch on the retained values across the site.</p> <p>This regeneration strategy may be subject to change due to unforeseen factors, such as risk of burning retained coupe values or site conditions being too wet. Alternatively, mechanical disturbance followed by aerial sowing may be used.</p>
<b>Additional specifications, requirements or instructions</b>		
	Additional specifications, requirements or instructions	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Coupe boundaries</b>	
5.1	Marking a coupe	
5.2	Construction of boundary trails	
5.3	Location of Boundary Trails	
5.4	Converting boundary trail to fire trail	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Excluded areas</b>	
6.1	Activities in excluded areas	Harvesting activities such as snigging is permitted through retention islands with the authorisation from a Vicforests Officer.



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<b>7.</b>	<b>Harvest requirements</b>	
7.1	Retained Trees	
7.2	Large Tree Protection	
7.3	Trees to be felled	
7.4	Stump heights	
7.6	Coupe utilisation requirements	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Thinning requirements</b>	
9.2	Trees to be retained	
9.3	Thinning method	
9.4	Damage	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Extraction tracks within coupes</b>	
10.1	Location of Extraction Tracks	
10.2	Blading-off	
10.3	Drainage and rehabilitation	
10.4	Snigging on roads	
10.5	Stream crossings	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Landings</b>	
12.1	Location of landings	
12.2	Construction and maintenance of landings	
12.5	Bark disposal	
12.7	Rehabilitation	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Road and construction maintenance</b>	
13.2	Location, design and period of construction	



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13.4	Grade	
13.5	Clearing	
13.6	Earthworks	
13.7	Drainage	
13.8	Maintenance	
13.9	Stream and drainage line crossings	
13.11	Closure and rehabilitation of roads	
13.13	Removal and rehabilitation of bridges, crossings and culverts	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Quarries, borrow pits and fill disposal areas</b>	
14.0	Quarries, borrow pits and fill disposal areas	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Preparation, measurement, grading and extraction of logs</b>	
15.2	Log preparation	
<b>21.</b>	<b>Carting logs</b>	
21.1	Carting logs - general obligations of the driver	
<b>23.</b>	<b>Weather restrictions</b>	
23.0	Weather restrictions	
<b>26.</b>	<b>Sorting and using fuel and servicing machinery</b>	
26.1	Fuel location	
26.2	Fuel precautions	
<b>27.</b>	<b>Camp sites, waste disposal and forest hygiene</b>	
27.1	Camp sites	
27.3	Water points	



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27.4	Forests hygiene (weeds, pests and disease)	
27.5	Field Washdown/Cleaning Procedure for Machinery	

**All other action will be conducted as per the Utilisation Procedures, unless outlined in the Coupe Diary by a VicForests Officer.**

**Habitat Retention Plan**

<b>Habitat Description and Marking</b>	For each HBT Type 1, retain 4 additional trees. Three retention islands will be retained to maintain connectivity with the surrounding forest. These islands will ensure that there is no gap within the harvest area that is greater than 150m from an edge of the coupe boundary. The total planned area to be retained within the harvest is 0.4ha. All type 1 habitat trees identified in pre harvest surveys have been excluded from the harvest unit. Any retained trees within the harvested area will have mineral earth cleared 3m around the base prior to regeneration burning. The islands, habitat trees and coupe boundary will be displayed on a VF tablet. Unmerchantable trees and additional trees with habitat features will be left if operationally safe to do so.
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Habitat trees will be retained...	Scenario
. Outside the harvesting tapes, but within the 'gross coupe boundary'	Yes
. As individual trees along the edge, outside the harvested area	No
. As individual trees, scattered throughout the coupes	No
. In patch(es)/clump(s) within the harvested area	Yes
. To serve as seed trees also	No
. Other requirements	No

**Other requirements**

*\* See variation page for marking procedure.*

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**FOREST OPERATIONS COUPE PLAN - SECTION 3**  
**Contractor Section - Coupe Occupational Health and Safety**

Hazard Type	Comments on the identified hazard where the hazard exceeds that normally expected	Hazard adequately addressed within Contractor's Safety Management System?
Was a field-based hazard assessment done?	<b>Yes</b> / <b>No</b>	
<b>Arial Hazard</b>		
Stags	[None]	
Other aerial hazards	[None]	
Percentage of tress containing a high proportion of dead limbs (i.e. mature-age, psyllid, drought or fire affected)	20 % if > 50% handfall not allowed as main harvest method.	
Percentage of the trees having mature interlocked crowns	5 % if > 50% handfall not allowed as main harvest method.	
<b>Ground Hazard</b>		
Slope	Slopes approaching 30 degrees along the western boundary of the coupe.	
Rock	Granite observed during pre harvest reconnaissance work.	
Rock Faces	[None]	
Morganers	[None]	
Other Ground Hazards	[None]	
Have any mineshafts been located? If yes, GPS location and include coupe map.	[None]	
<b>Access Roads/Landings</b>		
Grade	[None]	
Width	[None]	
Traffic & Falling Ops	Snobs Creek Road below coupe. Road is well over 2 tree lengths away, however there is a risk of lost trees/rocks/root balls impacting the road.	
Access	[None]	



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Are there hazardous trees adjacent trees to the roads that should be removed?	[None]	
<b>Fire</b>	[None]	
<b>Hand Falling</b>	Hand falling required due to slope and rock.	
<b>Other</b>	[None]	
Is there any power lines/cables in or around coupe?	[None]	
Are there neighbours that will need to be notified of operations?	[None]	
Safety Comments		

Additional hazards identified				
<i><b>Describe hazard</b></i>	<i><b>Action Required</b></i>	<i><b>Responsible person</b></i>	<i><b>Date Required</b></i>	<i><b>Complete Y/N</b></i>

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**FOREST OPERATIONS COUPE PLAN - SECTION 4**  
**Forester Section - Coupe Management Actions**

Issues identified						
1. Situation	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Apiary zone within 1600m	-1	Present	Present	Buffer of Apiary site 2016390 within coupe.	Apiary licensee advised of harvesting in this area on 16/11/2020. No further action.	
Apiary zone within coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Present	Apiary site 2016390 mapped just out of coupe but is located on the ridge below Snobs Creek Road within the coupe.	Apiary licensee advised of harvesting in this area on 16/11/2020. No further action.	
Bicentennial Trail in coupe	Bicentennial Trail in coupe	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Bicentennial Trail within 500m of coupe	Bicentennial Trail with 500m	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Fire Fuel Management Zone in coupe	3 - Landscape Management Zone	42.03	42.03	Coupe within Fire Fuel Management Zone 3, Landscape Management.	No restrictions on timber harvesting or regeneration activities.	No restrictions on timber harvesting or regeneration activities.
Forest Management Zone within 200m	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	Present	Present	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas adjacent to coupe boundary.	Protection requirements will be determined during field marking of the coupe in accordance with the VicForests Operating Procedures and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Forest Management Zone within 200m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone adjacent to coupe boundary.	No further action required.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Forest Management Zone within 200m	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	Present	Present	SPZ 288/02 (Snobs Creek, Recreation site (Snobs Creek Falls), landscape - SMZ (view from the Goulburn Valley Highway), linear reserve, Cool Temperate Rainforest) located within 200m of coupe boundary.	SPZ boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.	SPZ boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.
Forest Management Zone within 500m	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	Present	Present	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas within 500m of coupe boundary.	Protection requirements will be determined during field marking of the coupe in accordance with the VicForests Operating Procedures and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Forest Management Zone within 500m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone (GMZ) within 500m of coupe boundary.	No further action required.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.

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Issues identified						
1. Situation	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Forest Management Zone within 500m	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	Present	Present	SPZ 288/02 (Snobs Creek, Recreation site (Snobs Creek Falls), landscape - SMZ (view from the Goulburn Valley Highway), linear reserve, Cool Temperate Rainforest) located within 500m of coupe boundary.	SPZ boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.	SPZ boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	2.16	2.16	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas within gross coupe boundary.	Protection requirements will be determined during field marking of the coupe in accordance with the VicForests Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	GMZ : General Management Zone	16.70	16.70	General Management Zone within gross coupe boundary.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	23.17	23.17	Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 288/08 (LBP Colony) located within gross coupe boundary.	SPZ boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.	SPZ boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.
Non-State Forest in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Other situation issues	Other situation issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		
Permanent fire break in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Permanent fire break within 500m of coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Private land within 500m	Private property	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Private land within coupe	Private property	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Recreational hut in coupe	Recreation hut	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		



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Issues identified						
1. Situation	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
VF Reserve in coupe	LBPAG - LBP Known Colony Protection Reserve	33.93	24.58	VicForests Reserve VFSMP64 (LBP Colony Protection Reserve) located within of coupe boundary.	VF Reserve boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.	Reserve boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.
VF Reserve within 500m	LBPAG - LBP Known Colony Protection Reserve	113.03	97.25	VicForests Reserve VFSMP64 (LBP Colony Protection Reserve) located within 500m of coupe boundary.	VF Reserve boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.	Reserve boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.
VF Reserve within 500m	FAUNA_LBP1A_HBT	5.52	5.52	VicForests Reserve VFSMP245 (Leadbeaters Possum Habitat - Zone 1A) located within 500m of coupe boundary.	VF Reserve boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.	Reserve boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.
VF SMA in coupe	LBP Monitoring - ANU	0.15	0.15	ANU LBP Monitoring site within coupe boundary.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Sites to be located in the field and will be excluded from harvesting and protected by a 50m buffer.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Site is located 550m to the north west of the harvest unit. The site will not be impacted by harvesting activities. No further action.
VF SMA within 500m	LBP Monitoring - ANU	2.89	2.89	ANU LBP Monitoring Site within 500m of coupe boundary.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Sites to be located in the field and will be excluded from harvesting and protected by a 50m buffer.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Site is located 550m to the north west of the harvest unit. The site will not be impacted by harvesting activities. No further action.
Walking track in coupe	Walking track	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Walking track within 500m of coupe	Walking track	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
2. Stand	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Allocation Order Stratum	Ash	22.00	22.00	Coupe overlay indicates 22.00ha of Ash Species within the gross coupe boundary.	Harvest in accordance with the Allocation Order to VicForests and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Harvest in accordance with the Allocation Order to VicForests and Code of Practice for Timber Production.



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Issues identified						
2. Stand	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Allocation Order Stratum	Mixed Species	2.64	2.64	Coupe overlay indicates 2.64ha of Mixed Species within the gross coupe boundary.	Harvest in accordance with the Allocation Order to VicForests and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Harvest in accordance with the Allocation Order to VicForests and Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Allocation Order Stratum	Unallocated	17.39	17.39	Not Allocated within coupe boundary. Not Allocated is Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 288/08.	SPZ boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.	SPZ boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the SPZ.
3. Soil and Water	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Designated Water Catchment within coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Designated Water Supply Catchment within 500m	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Other water issues	Other water issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		
Slope Class within coupe	0-20 Degrees	22.18	22.18	Gross coupe area contains 22.18ha of slope between 0-20 degrees.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.
Slope Class within coupe	20-25 Degrees	12.71	12.71	Gross coupe area contains 12.71ha of slope between 20-25 degrees.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.
Slope Class within coupe	25-30	6.65	6.65	Gross coupe area contains 6.65ha of slope between 25-30 degrees.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.

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Issues identified						
3. Soil and Water	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Slope Class within coupe	30+	0.48	0.48	Coupe overlay has identified 0.48ha >30 degree slope within coupe boundary. The Code of Practice for Timber Production provides for harvesting area >30 degrees slope where these make up <10% of the nett coupe area and where the risk of mass soil movement has been managed accordingly.	Ensure <10% of nett harvest area has >30 degrees slope and the risk of mass soil movement is managed accordingly.	<10% of nett harvest area has >30 degrees slope. No further action required.
Water quality risk within coupe	Low or Moderate Water Quality Risk	[n/a]	Present	Soil Assessments have determined the overall Water Quality Risk (Soil Erosion category) to be Low or Moderate within this coupe.	During the coupe-marking stage, each waterway site will be assessed and minimum buffer or filter widths applied according to section 2.2.1 of the Code of Practice for Timber production (2014).	Hydrology within and adjacent to the coupe has been marked in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.
4. Biodiversity	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Barred Galaxias streams in coupe or within 500m	Barred Galaxias catchment in coupe or within 500m	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Greater Glider Habitat Within 100m (Modelled Class1)	Modelled Greater Glider Habitat within 100m	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Leadbeater's Possum habitat in coupe (Modelled/Zone1A)	Modelled Leadbeater's Possum habitat	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Leadbeater's Possum habitat within 500m (Modelled/Zone1A)	Modelled Leadbeater's Possum habitat	Present	Present	Zone 1A habitat found with 500m of the coupe above and below Snobs Creek Road to the south of the coupe.	LBP habitat to be confirmed in the field. If present, potential habitat will be excluded from harvesting in accordance with VicForests Operating Procedures Regulatory Handbook.	Zone 1A LBP habitat is not present within the TRP or harvest area. No further action required.
Old Growth Forest in coupe	* None found	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Old Growth Forest within 500m	* None found	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Other biodiversity issues	Other biodiversity issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		



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4. Biodiversity	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Other threatened flora	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Rainforest in coupe	Cool Temperate RF	0.82	0.82	Cool Temperate Rainforest detected in overlay process.	If Rainforest is identified in the field, buffer in accordance with the VicForests Rainforest Identification Instruction.	Stand has been assessed within the hydrology to the east of the coupe and according to the VicForests Rainforest Identification Guideline does not meet rainforest prescriptions due to foliage cover, stand size and species composition. Will be protected from harvesting in the hydrology buffer.
Rainforest site in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Rainforest site within 500m	Rainforest site of significance	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Rainforest within 500m	Cool Temperate RF	12.79	12.79	Cool Temperate Rainforest detected within 500m of the coupe boundary in overlay process.	If Rainforest is identified in the field, buffer in accordance with the VicForests Rainforest Identification Instruction.	Cool temperate rainforest is present along Snobs creek approximately 400m to the west of the nett harvest area. Value will not be impacted on by timber harvesting activities. No further action.
Reference Area within 500m of coupe	Reference area	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog catchment in coupe		Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog catchment within 500m		Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog in coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog within 500m	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened EVC in coupe	Cool Temperate Rainforest	12.62	12.62	Cool Temperate Rainforest EVC mapped within the coupe in streams along the eastern boundary.	If found during coupe marking rainforest will be excluded from harvesting and buffers applied according to the VicForests Rainforest Identification Guideline.	Stand has been assessed within the hydrology to the east of the coupe and according to the VicForests Rainforest Identification Guideline does not meet rainforest prescriptions due to foliage cover, stand size and species composition. Will be protected from harvesting in the hydrology buffer.
Threatened EVC within 500m	Cool Temperate Rainforest	66.03	66.03	Cool Temperate Rainforest EVC mapped within 500m of the coupe boundary.	If found during coupe marking rainforest will be excluded from harvesting and buffers applied according to the VicForests Rainforest Identification Guideline.	Cool temperate rainforest is present along Snobs creek approximately 400m to the west of the nett harvest area. Value will not be impacted on by timber harvesting activities. No further action.



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Issues identified						
4. Biodiversity	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Threatened EVC within 500m	Montane Riparian Thicket	11.09	11.09	MRT EVC mapped within 500m of coupe.	Montane Riparian Thicket will be excluded from harvesting as per VicForests Operating Procedures Regulatory Handbook.	Stand of Mountain Tea Tree is present in the hydrology to the east of the coupe. it is not considered to be MRT but will be protected in the hydrology buffer applied to the hydrology.
Threatened fauna site in coupe	Gymnobelideus leadbeateri: Leadbeater's Possum Colony	Present	Present	Leadbeaters Possum Colony record within coupe boundary.	LBP Colonies have been protected by a 200m buffer in VicForests Reserve VFSMP64. Reserve boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting or associated activities will occur within the VF Reserve.	Reserve boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by the Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Petauroides volans: Greater Glider	Present	Present	Greater Glider species observation records within 500m of the coupe boundary.	Apply VicForests Greater Glider Conservation Strategy prescriptions. Prioritise the largest, live, hollow-bearing trees for habitat retention.	Apply VicForests HCV management system where applicable.
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Petaurus australis: Yellow-bellied Glider	Present	Present	Yellow-bellied Glider species observation record within 500m of coupe boundary.	No detection based requirements for the special management of the species within the area covered by the Central Highlands Forest Management Plan. Apply VicForests HCV management system.	Apply VicForests HCV management system where applicable.
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Gymnobelideus leadbeateri: Leadbeater's Possum Colony	Present	Present	Leadbeaters Possum colony within 500m of coupe boundary.	LBP Colonies have been protected by a 200m buffer in VicForests Reserve VFSMP64. Reserve boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting or associated activities will occur within the VF Reserve.	Reserve boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by the Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.
Threatened flora site within 500m of coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	Petaurus australis: Yellow-bellied Glider	Present	Present	Yellow-bellied Glider species observation record within coupe boundary.	No detection based requirements for the special management of the species within the area covered by the Central Highlands Forest Management Plan. Apply VicForests HCV management system.	Apply VicForests HCV management system where applicable.

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Issues identified						
4. Biodiversity	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	Gymnobelideus leadbeateri: Leadbeater's Possum	Present	Present	Leadbeaters Possum species observation record within coupe boundary.	LBP Colonies have been protected by a 200m buffer in VicForests Reserve VFSMP64. Reserve boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting or associated activities will occur within the VF Reserve.	Reserve boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by the Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.
Threatened Species Observations within 500m of coupe	Petaurus australis: Yellow-bellied Glider	Present	Present	Yellow-bellied Glider species observation record within 500m of coupe boundary.	No detection based requirements for the special management of the species within the area covered by the Central Highlands Forest Management Plan. Apply VicForests HCV management system.	Apply VicForests HCV management system where applicable.
Threatened Species Observations within 500m of coupe	Gymnobelideus leadbeateri: Leadbeater's Possum	Present	Present	Leadbeaters Possum species observation record within 500m of coupe boundary.	LBP Colonies have been protected by a 200m buffer in VicForests Reserve VFSMP64. Reserve boundary to be confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder. Boundary to be signed off by Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting or associated activities will occur within the VF Reserve.	Reserve boundary confirmed and marked in the field using a GPS. Boundary signed off by the Senior Forester prior to harvesting commencement. No harvesting will occur within the VF Reserve.
VF Large Trees in Coupe	Trees 250 - 399 cm	Present	Present	Large tree identified during overlay process within coupe boundary.	All living trees equal to or greater than 2.5m DBHOB or 85 m in height are to be retained and protected.	No VF large trees within the nett harvest area. All VF large trees have been excluded from harvesting.
VF Large Trees within 500m	None found	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
5. Historical	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Aboriginal Cultural Sensitivity Area in coupe	Watercourse	20.23	20.23	Area of Cultural Sensitivity within coupe identified in the overlay process.	Consultation with AV was undertaken during the TRP approval process. No registered Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites were identified. No restriction to harvesting. No further action.	

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5. Historical	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Aboriginal Cultural Sensitivity Area within 500m	Watercourse	104.35	104.35	Area of Cultural Sensitivity within 500m of coupe boundary identified in the overlay process.	Consultation with AV was undertaken during the TRP approval process. No registered Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites were identified. No restriction to harvesting. No further action required.	
Historic areas in coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic areas within 500m	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic sites in coupe	Historic site	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic sites within 500m	Historic site	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic tramway site in coupe	Historic tramway	Present	Present	Historic tramway mapped along Snobs Creek Road.	Harvesting will not impact on this value. No further action required.	
Historic tramways site within 500m of coupe	Historic tramway	Present	Present	Historic tramway mapped along Snobs Creek Road.	Harvesting will not impact on this value. No further action required.	
Other historical issues	Other historical issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		
6. Landscape	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Foreground issues (0-500m)	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Landscape Issues in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Middleground issues (500m-6.5k)	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Other landscape issues	Other landscape issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		
Outer issues (6.5k - 12km)	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		



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Issues identified						
7. Research	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Leadbeater's Possum research sites in coupe	Leadbeater's Possum monitoring site	Present	Present	ANU LBP Monitoring site located within coupe.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Sites to be located in the field and will be excluded from harvesting and protected by a 50m buffer.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Site is located 550m to the north west of the harvest unit. The site will not be impacted by harvesting activities. No further action.
Leadbeater's Possum research sites within 500m	Leadbeater's Possum monitoring site	Present	Present	ANU LBP Monitoring site located within 500m of coupe.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Sites to be located in the field and will be excluded from harvesting and protected by a 50m buffer.	ANU Leadbeater's Possum Monitoring Site is located 550m to the north west of the harvest unit. The site will not be impacted by harvesting activities. No further action.
Other research issues	Other research issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		
Permanent Growth Plot buffer in coupe	Permanent Growth Plot buffer	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
8. Weeds, Pests & Disease	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Pests and Disease	None identified	[n/a]	None identified			
Weeds	Blackberry	[n/a]	Abundant	Blackberry abundant throughout the coupe and along Snobs Creek Road.	Where possible, minimise the spread within the coupe by avoiding machine movement through infested areas. Direct contractor to wash down machinery prior to departure from the coupe, following washdown directions and procedures as outlined in VicForests Utilisation Procedures.	Harvest crew will be notified on the presence of blackberries within the area and where possible, minimise the spread within the coupe by avoiding machine movement through infested areas. Contractor directed to wash down machinery prior to departure from the coupe, following washdown directions and procedures as outlined in VicForests Utilisation Procedures.
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**Contractor Section - Harvesting Commencement & Completion Declarations**

Harvesting commencement declaration	Contractor/HTL Initial	VicForests Initial
▪ I have received a copy of the Forest Coupe Plan and a copy of the Utilisation Procedures.		
▪ I have discussed this Forest Coupe Plan with an Officer of VicForests and understand it.		
▪ I will ensure that this operation is conducted in accordance with the Forest Coupe Plan, the Utilisation Procedures and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.		
▪ I will ensure that all operators working on this coupe are aware of their responsibilities under this Forest Coupe Plan.		
▪ I will ensure that all operators hold a current FOLS with all appropriate endorsements prior to them commencing work on the coupe.		
▪ An identification of hazards associated with this coupe was conducted in accordance with the Industry Standard: Safety in Forestry Operations (Harvesting and Haulage) 2007 and the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.		
▪ The Contractor/HTL acknowledges that it is their responsibility to identify the appropriate controls for all identified hazards. VicForests acknowledges that the Contractor/HTL has a hazard control plan that identifies all addresses all identified hazards.		
▪ Landing(s) location has been agreed to by VicForests and the Contractor/HTL		
▪ Location/selection of retained trees has been agreed to by VicForests and the Contractor/HTL		
▪ I have been briefed on the identification and habitat retention strategies put in place to manage Biodiversity Values identified in this coupe as outlined in the HCV summary and retention plan		
Contractor / HTL _____	Signed _____	Date _____
Sanctioned By VicForests Officer _____	Signed _____	Date _____

**The names and FOLS numbers of the crew working on this Harvest Unit are:**

HTL _____	FOLS No. _____	
Log Grader _____	FOLS No. _____	Hammer No. _____
Crew Member _____	FOLS No. _____	
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**Provisional Clearance Declaration**

This coupe cannot be completed until a later date. This provisional clearance has been granted to the Logging Team Leader subject to the coupe being left in an approved condition.

I acknowledge that if directed by VicForests, I will return to carry out any actions that result from the temporary clearance assessment.

Contractor/HTL \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This harvesting operation has been completed to the satisfaction of VicForests.**

VicForests Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Harvesting Re-commencement Declaration**

- I have received a copy of the Forest Coupe Plan and a copy of the Utilisation Procedures.
- I have discussed the Forest Coupe Plan with an Office of VicForests and understand it.
- A reassessment of the hazards and controls associated with the coupe was conducted in accordance with the Industry Standard: Safety in Forestry Operations (Harvesting and Haulage) 2007 and the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.
- I will ensure that this operation is conducted in accordance with the Forest Coupe Plan, the Utilisation Procedures and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- I will ensure that the operators working on this coupe are aware of their responsibilities under the Forest Coupe Plan.
- I will ensure that all operators hold a current FOLS with all appropriate endorsements prior to commencing work on the coupe.

Contractor/HTL \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by  
VicForests Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**Final Completion and Clearance Declaration**

This clearance to leave the coupe has been granted to the Contractor / Logging Team Leader.

I acknowledge that if directed by VicForests, I will return to carry out any actions that result from the final clearance assessment.

Contractor/HTL \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This coupe has been completed to the satisfaction of VicForests.**

VicForests Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*End of Forest Operations Coupe Plan Section 5*