



# Forest Operations Coupe Plan

for

Harvest Unit 317-505-0017-B - Vennells Track RDC

Marysville

317 - Big River

## Location of coupe centroid

Easting/Northing: (GDA-94)	414613/5838128 Zone 55
VicGrid	2591184/2432928
Latitude/Longitude:	37° 35' 60" S/146° 1' 58" 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	Mountain mixed species			
Area of TRP Boundary	20.3			
Area of Harvest Unit (operational area)	20.3			
Regional Forest Agreement	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS			
Forest Management Area	Central			
General aspect	North-westerly			
Elevation	600 meters			
Slope	Minimum 0°; Average 10°; Maximum 20°			
Proportion of the nett coupe area > 20°	0-10 %			
		<b>Horizon A</b>	<b>Horizon B</b>	<b>Horizon C</b>
Soil Erosion Classification		<i>Medium</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Medium</i>
Soil Permeability Classification		<i>High</i>	<i>High</i>	-
Overall Soil Category		<i>Low</i>	<i>Low</i>	-
Rock cover exceeds 30% of nett area	No			

Estimated species and volumes			
Product	Grade	Volume	

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**FOREST OPERATIONS COUPE PLAN - SECTION 2**  
 Contractor Section - Contractor Direction

<b>Personnel</b>	
VF Officer	
Contractor	
<b>Operational Issues</b>	
Silvicultural Intent	Roads
Silviculture system(s)	Road alignment - construction, Road alignment - construction, Road alignment - construction, Road alignment - construction, Road alignment - construction
Recommended harvesting period	Summer of 2015-2016
Description of the coupe boundaries and method used to locate boundary in the field	Road alignment marked with pink tape, Spz boundaries marked with blue tape.
Operational constraints	
<b>Social Issues</b>	
Identified social issues	
<b>Coupe Access</b>	
Proposed Access	Big River Road - Snowys Road. Roadline takes off at DEPI borrow pit and crosses Oaks Track to access coupes on the Eastern side of Oaks Creek
Proposed driveway length to construct	
Proposed in-coupe road length to construct	
Proposed in-coupe roading requirements	
Proposed number of stream crossings	1
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 '*No variation to the standard procedure*'.

Environmental & Operational Elements	Variations, amendments or additional instructions
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Utilisation Procedures Section	
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**Planned silvicultural system and requirements**

Planned silvicultural system and requirements	Roadline coupe - not required
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**Additional specifications, requirements or instructions**

Additional specifications, requirements or instructions	
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**5. Coupe boundaries**

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	

**6. Excluded areas**

6.1	Activities in excluded areas	
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**7. Harvest requirements**

7.1	Retained Trees	
7.2	Large Tree Protection	
7.3	Trees to be felled	
7.4	Stump heights	



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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	
13.4	Grade	
13.5	Clearing	
13.6	Earthworks	
13.7	Drainage	
13.8	Maintenance	



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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	
27.4	Forests hygiene (weeds, pests and disease)	
27.5	Field Washdown/Cleaning Procedure for Machinery	
<b>All other action will be conducted as per the Utilisation Procedures, unless outlined in the Coupe Diary by a VicForests Officer.</b>		

Habitat Retention Plan



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Contractor Section - Contractor Direction

<b>Habitat Description and Marking</b>	Roadline coupe - not required
<b>Habitat trees will be retained...</b>	<b>Scenario</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Outside the harvesting tapes, but within the 'gross coupe boundary'</li><li>. As individual trees along the edge, outside the harvested area</li><li>. As individual trees, scattered throughout the coupes</li><li>. In patch(es)/clump(s) within the harvested area</li><li>. To serve as seed trees also</li><li>. Other requirements</li></ul>	No No No No No Yes
<b>Other requirements</b>	
Not applicable to roadline coupe, large hollow bearing trees will be worked around or retained on the road verges where safe and practical to do so.	

*\* See variation page for marking procedure.*

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**Harvest Unit 317-505-0017-B - Vennells Track RDC**  
**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?	Yes	/ No	
<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	20 %	if > 50% handfall not allowed as main harvest method.	
<b>Ground Hazard</b>			
Slope	[None]		
Rock	[None]		
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	[None]		
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>	[None]	
<b>Other</b>	Isolated area with difficult dry weather only access.	
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		

<b>Additional hazards identified</b>				
<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	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Apiary zone within coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
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	20.32	20.32	Coupe is within Zone 3 Landscape Management Zone (LMZ).	No restrictions on harvesting or regeneration. No further action required.	No further action required
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.	No action required	No further action required
Forest Management Zone within 200m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone adjacent to coupe boundary.	No action required	No further action required
Forest Management Zone within 200m	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	Present	Present	Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 317/05 adjacent to coupe boundary. The Special Protection Zone values are Sooty Owl habitat protection, Leadbeaters Possum.	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 317/05 will be excluded from the rooad constuction area and marked SPZ boundary signed of by SFO.
Forest Management Zone within 500m	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	Present	Present	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas adjacent to coupe boundary.	No action required	No further action required
Forest Management Zone within 500m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone adjacent to coupe boundary.	No action required	No further action required
Forest Management Zone within 500m	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	Present	Present	Special Protection Zones (SPZ) 317/02 and 317/05 within 500m of coupe.	No action required	No further action required
Forest Management Zone within coupe	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	1.61	1.61	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas within gross coupe boundary. The proposed gross coupe area contains 1 permanent stream, 2 temporary streams and 4 drainage lines.	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 excluded from areas containing slopes greater than 30 degrees.	Silt mitigation devices and structures will be installed on drainage outlets. Stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures. No areas greater than 30 degrees.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	GMZ : General Management Zone	17.39	17.39	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.



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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 coupe	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	1.32	1.32	Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 317/02 located within the gross coupe boundary. The Special Protection Zone values are Powerful Owl and Sooty Owl habitat protection, Old-growth (Cool Temperate RainFst and Heathy Dry Fst), Big River Heritage Rv corridor, Linear reserve. Planning to construct access road from Snowy Road through SPZ.	MSP Exemption request to road through SPZ 317/02 approved on 8/6/2020. Operations to be conducted in accordance with the approval documents.	Operations to be conducted in accordance with the MSP exemption approval documents.
Non-State Forest in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Other situation issues	[n/a]	[n/a]				
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		
VF Reserve in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
VF Reserve within 500m	LBPAG - LBP Known Colony Protection Reserve	21.23	21.23	VicForests Reserves VFSMP64 (LBP Colony Protection Reserve) located within 500m of coupe boundary.	VF Reserve is not within or adjacent to coupe boundary and will not be affected by harvesting. No further action.	No further action required.
VF SMA in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
VF SMA within 500m	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
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		

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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	Ash	10.13	10.13	Coupe overlay indicates 10.13ha 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.
Allocation Order Stratum	Mixed Species	8.88	8.88	Coupe overlay indicates 8.88ha 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	1.32	1.32	Not Allocated within coupe boundary. Not Allocated is Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 317/02.	FPL received for roading through SPZ 317/02 18/5/2020. Operations to be conducted in accordance with FPL documentation.	Operations to be conducted in accordance with FPL documentation.
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	UPPER GOULBURN	20.32	20.32	Coupe located within the Upper Goulburn water catchment	No seasonal closure applies to this catchment. Operations will be excluded from areas containing slopes greater than 30 degrees. Considerations will be taken into account regarding the protection of soil stabilisation for any road construction or stream crossing requirements.	No areas greater than 30 degrees in road work area. Large road fill batters and stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures.
Designated Water Supply Catchment within 500m	UPPER GOULBURN	327.65	327.65	Coupe located within the Upper Goulburn water catchment	No seasonal closure applies to this catchment. Operations will be excluded from areas containing slopes greater than 30 degrees. Considerations will be taken into account regarding the protection of soil stabilisation for any road construction or stream crossing requirements.	No areas greater than 30 degrees in road work area. Large road fill batters and stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures.
Other water issues	[n/a]	[n/a]				
Slope Class within coupe	0-20 Degrees	16.42	16.42	Gross coupe area contains 16.42ha 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	1.95	1.95	Gross coupe area contains 1.95ha 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.

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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	25-30	1.38	1.38	Gross coupe area contains 1.38ha 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.
Slope Class within coupe	30+	0.56	0.56	Gross coupe area contains 0.56ha of slope >30 degree slope.	Upper Gou burn catchment restrictions: No harvesting slopes >30 degrees.	No areas greater than 30 degrees in road work area. Large road fill batters and stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures.
Water quality risk within coupe	Low or Moderate Water Quality Risk	[n/a]	Present	A Low to Moderate Water Quality Risk was determined after Soil Assessments for this coupe.	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
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	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Old Growth Forest in coupe	Old Growth Forest	0.42	0.42	Modelled old growth detected in overlay process within coupe boundary within SPZ 317/02.	Within SPZ 317/02 ensure that no trees more than 80 years of age are removed in accordance with MSP Exemption approval for roading through SPZ 317/02.	No trees greater than 80 years of age will be removed when roading through SPZ 317/02.
Old Growth Forest within 500m	Old Growth Forest	Present	Present	Modelled old growth detected in overlay process within 500m of the coupe boundary.	No action required	No further action required
Other biodiversity issues	Other biodiversity issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		



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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
Other threatened flora	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Rainforest in coupe	None found	0.00	0.00	No action required		
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	None found	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Reference Area within 500m of coupe	Reference area	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog catchment in coupe		Present	Present	Coupe located within Taponga greater STF catchment, but not within 1km of known STF sites and not within STF Management Zones. Considerations will be taken into account regarding the protection of in-stream habitat for any road construction or stream crossing requirements.	Construction of stream crossings should be minimised and any new roads should be located at least 50m from any stream unless there are sediment management operations in place to prevent sediments from entering streams.	Silt mitigation devices and structures will be installed on drainage outlets. Large road fill batters and stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures.
Spotted Tree Frog catchment within 500m		Present	Present	Coupe located within Tapoonga greater STF catchment, but not within 1km of known STF sites and not within STF Management Zones. Considerations will be taken into account regarding the protection of in-stream habitat for any road construction or stream crossing requirements.	Construction of stream crossings should be minimised and any new roads should be located at least 50m from any stream unless there are sediment management operations in place to prevent sediments from entering streams.	Silt mitigation devices and structures will be installed on drainage outlets. Large road fill batters and stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures.
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	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Threatened EVC within 500m	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		



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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 fauna site in coupe	Petaurus australis: Yellow-bellied Glider	Present	Present	Coupe overlay process has detected Yellow-bellied Glider species observations in Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA) records within the gross coupe boundary.	Apply VicForests HCV management system. Prioritise the largest, live, hollow-bearing trees for habitat retention.	Large hollow bearing trees will be retained and protected along the length of the road where safe and practical to do so.
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Gymnobelideus leadbeateri: Leadbeater's Possum Colony	Present	Present	Coupe overlay process has detected Leadbeater's Possum species observations in Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA) records within 500m of the coupe boundary.	LBP Colony has been protected by a 200m buffer in VicForests Reserve VFSMP64. VF Reserve is not within or adjacent to coupe boundary and will not be affected by harvesting. No further action.	No further action required
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	50154	Present	Present	Coupe overlay process has detected Spiny Crayfish species observations in Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA) records within 500m of the coupe boundary.	Stream and water crossings adequately protected by Code of Practice.	Silt mitigation devices and structures will be installed on drainage outlets. Large road fill batters and stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures.
Threatened flora site within 500m of coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	* None (issue will not be saved)	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened Species Observations within 500m of coupe	Gymnobelideus leadbeateri: Leadbeater's Possum	Present	Present	Coupe overlay process has detected Leadbeater's Possum in VicForests Threatened Species layer within 500m of the coupe boundary.	LBP Colony has been protected by a 200m buffer in VicForests Reserve VFSMP64. VF Reserve is not within or adjacent to coupe boundary and will not be affected by harvesting. No further action.	No further action required.
Threatened Species Observations within 500m of coupe	fam. Parastacidae gen. Euastacus: Spiny Crayfish	Present	Present	Coupe overlay process has detected Spiny Crayfish in VicForests Threatened Species layer within 500m of the coupe boundary.	Stream and water crossings adequately protected by Code of Practice.	Silt mitigation devices and structures will be installed on drainage outlets. Large road fill batters and stream crossings will be compacted and protected from concentrated road run off using appropriate erosion mitigation structures.
VF Large Trees in Coupe	None found	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
VF Large Trees within 500m	None found	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		



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Issues identified						
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	23.39	23.39	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.	No further action required
Aboriginal Cultural Sensitivity Area within 500m	Watercourse	192.62	192.62	Area of Cultural Sensitivity within 500m of coupe boundary identified in the overlay process.	No action required	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	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic tramways site within 500m of coupe	Historic tramway	Not Present	Not Present	No 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)	WARBURTON_WOODS_POINT_ROAD Middleground	8.41	8.41	Coupe overlay has identified 8.41ha of the coupe is within Middleground distance of Warburton-Woods Point Road and is potentially visible.	Manage operations to ensure landscape alterations are only subtly apparent within 5 years of the operation. Shape and position new roads to minimise their visual impact.	Clearing of road verges will be minimised to reduce potential visual impact.
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	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Leadbeater's Possum research sites within 500m	Leadbeater's Possum monitoring site	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
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]	Isolated	Infestations of Blackberry present along Snowy 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.	Contractor will be instructed to wash down machinery when moving from infested areas to non infested areas and prior to leaving the operation.
<i>End of Forest Operations Coupe Plan Section 4</i>						



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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. _____	
Crew Member _____	FOLS No. _____	
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

*\* record in Cengea*

*End of Forest Operations Coupe Plan Section 5*