



Forest Operations Coupe Plan

for

Harvest Unit 348-531-0003-A - Empire

Powelltown

348 - Ada

Location of coupe centroid

Easting/Northing: (GDA-94)	400029/5808048 Zone 55
VicGrid	2575962/2403157
Latitude/Longitude:	37° 52' 10" S/145° 51' 48" 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
Peer Reviewed By	Signed	Date
Endorsed 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 Ash predominant			
Area of TRP Boundary	76.4			
Area of Harvest Unit (operational area)	13.8			
Regional Forest Agreement	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS			
Forest Management Area	Dandenong			
General aspect	Southerly			
Elevation	460 meters			
Slope	Minimum 10°; Average 15°; Maximum 30°			
Proportion of the nett coupe area > 20°	11-40 %			
		Horizon A	Horizon B	Horizon C
Soil Erosion Classification		<i>Low</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	
Messmate	B	114 m ³	
Messmate	C	308 m ³	
Messmate	D	32 m ³	
Messmate	E	162 m ³	
Messmate	H	1341 m ³	
Mountain Ash	B	325 m ³	
Mountain Ash	C	883 m ³	

Estimated species and volumes

Product	Grade	Volume
Mountain Ash	D	93 m ³
Mountain Ash	E	465 m ³
Mountain Ash	H	2881 m ³
Mountain Grey Gum	B	151 m ³
Mountain Grey Gum	C	411 m ³
Mountain Grey Gum	D	43 m ³
Mountain Grey Gum	E	216 m ³
Mountain Grey Gum	H	1341 m ³

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 Contractor Section - Contractor Direction

Personnel	
VF Officer	
Contractor	
Operational Issues	
Silvicultural Intent	Adaptive Silvicultural Systems
Silviculture system(s)	Clearfelling, Seed Tree (includes retained overwood)
Recommended harvesting period	Summer of 2020-2021
Description of the coupe boundaries and method used to locate boundary in the field	The Western boundary is marked to LBP buffer. The Southern boundary has been marked to the Steep slope, large rocks and good habitat. The Northern boundary aligns with previous harvest history of the old coupe above. The Eastern boundary is marked to the TRP which aligns with the boundary of the old coupe to the East. Harvest unit has been ground truthed with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hip chain and range finder.
Operational constraints	
Social Issues	
Identified social issues	
Coupe Access	
Proposed Access	off Ada river road onto old coupe road into Empire
Proposed driveway length to construct	300
Proposed in-coupe road length to construct	100
Proposed in-coupe roading requirements	Road in to favourable landing site
Proposed number of stream crossings	0
Proposed number of landings	1



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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		
Planned silvicultural system and requirements		
	Planned silvicultural system and requirements	As delineated on Operations map - Retain 4 additional trees for each HBT type 1 identified in a Clear-fell/Seed Tree system. Seed Trees will be utilised for natural seed fall to supplement aerial sowing. Post-harvest seed tree adequacy survey will be conducted in order to determine seeding requirements.
Additional specifications, requirements or instructions		
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5.	Coupe boundaries	
5.1	Marking a coupe	Mineral earth fire trail to be constructed at completion of harvested section.
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	
7.	Harvest requirements	
7.1	Retained Trees	No tree, stag or spar to remain within 1 tree length of boundary or road.



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7.2	Large Tree Protection	
7.3	Trees to be felled	
7.4	Stump heights	
7.6	Coupe utilisation requirements	
9.	Thinning requirements	
9.2	Trees to be retained	
9.3	Thinning method	
9.4	Damage	
10.	Extraction tracks within coupes	
10.1	Location of Extraction Tracks	
10.2	Blading-off	
10.3	Drainage and rehabilitation	Snig track to be ripped 30m from landing at coupe completion. Topsoil to be respread before ripping.
10.4	Snigging on roads	
10.5	Stream crossings	
12.	Landings	
12.1	Location of landings	
12.2	Construction and maintenance of landings	
12.5	Bark disposal	
12.7	Rehabilitation	Snig track to be ripped 30m from landing at coupe completion. Topsoil to be respread before ripping.
13.	Road and construction maintenance	
13.2	Location, design and period of construction	
13.4	Grade	
13.5	Clearing	



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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	
14.	Quarries, borrow pits and fill disposal areas	
14.0	Quarries, borrow pits and fill disposal areas	
15.	Preparation, measurement, grading and extraction of logs	
15.2	Log preparation	
21.	Carting logs	
21.1	Carting logs - general obligations of the driver	
23.	Weather restrictions	
23.0	Weather restrictions	
26.	Sorting and using fuel and servicing machinery	
26.1	Fuel location	
26.2	Fuel precautions	
27.	Camp sites, waste disposal and forest hygiene	
27.1	Camp sites	
27.3	Water points	
27.4	Forests hygiene (weeds, pests and disease)	
27.5	Field Washdown/Cleaning Procedure for Machinery	



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

Habitat Retention Plan

Habitat Description and Marking

Seed trees to be selected by contractor in mixed species section of coupe.
 Habitat protection has been designed considering suitability for gliders and large forest owls which are known to inhabit this forest landscape.
 Areas of habitat and stream buffers have been retained around the southern boundary.
 8 internal patches of habitat will be protected within the harvested area
 Contractors are encouraged to identify non merchantable trees for additional habitat retention.
 Retained seed trees, habitat trees and habitat islands inside the Harvest Unit require a mineral earth break around them to a minimum of 3 metres wide.
 Boundary to be made safe for burn patrols to better protect adjacent exclusion areas during and following burn.
 5% retention within the Ad. STR and Ad. CFE. area will be achieved with the use of a patches shown on the HCV map.
 Steep slopes are protected by exclusion areas.
 Landscape values will be protected through the planned retention within the harvest area and a regeneration strategy so that the harvest area will only be subtly apparent within 5 years of the operation.
 Where practicable contractor to retain additional recruitment trees around identified HBT1 trees.
 Retention map contains indicative location of seed tree / habitat placement for contractor.
 Connectivity for gliders will be maintained across the Ad. STR and Ad. CFE unit through minimum spacing between habitat trees and seed trees of 40 metres.
 Habitat trees will be retained between 1 and 2 tree lengths of boundaries to provide connectivity to adjacent harvest exclusion areas (refer to HCV map). Hazardous trees will not be retained <1 tree length of boundary for safety of burn/patrol crews.
 =5% retention within the Ad. STR and Ad. CFE. area will be achieved with the use of patches shown on the HCV map

Habitat trees will be retained...

Scenario

- . Outside the harvesting tapes, but within the 'gross coupe boundary'
- . As individual trees along the edge, outside the harvested area
- . As individual trees, scattered throughout the coupes

Yes
 No
 Yes



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">. In patch(es)/clump(s) within the harvested area. To serve as seed trees also. Other requirements	Yes Yes No
Other requirements	

** See variation page for marking procedure.*

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 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	
Arial Hazard		
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)	3 % 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.	
Ground Hazard		
Slope	Small areas of steep slope in the North East section of coupe below Romans Creek track.	
Rock	Large bolders throughout entire harvest unit.	
Rock Faces	[None]	
Morganers	[None]	
Other Ground Hazards	[None]	
Have any mineshafts been located? If yes, GPS location and include coupe map.	[None]	
Access Roads/Landings		
Grade	[None]	
Width	[None]	
Traffic & Falling Ops	TMP for Romans creek road. No falling within 2 tree lengths of track with out closing the road.	
Access	[None]	



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Are there hazardous trees adjacent trees to the roads that should be removed?	[None]	
Fire	[None]	
Hand Falling	[None]	
Other	[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>Describe hazard</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Responsible person</i>	<i>Date Required</i>	<i>Complete Y/N</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	This coupe is within 1600m of an unzoned Apiary site buffer, the actual site is 1300m to the West	Apiary site is not within or adjacent to coupe boundary and will not be affected by harvesting. No further action.	
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	76.42	76.42	Coupe is within Zone 3 - Landscape Management Zone (LMZ)	No restrictions on timber harvesting or regeneration activities. No further action	
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.	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder. Areas >30 degree slope have been marked out of the harvest unit. Permanent and temporary streams have been buffered out of the Harvest unit.
Forest Management Zone within 200m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone adjacent to coupe boundary.	No further action required.	
Forest Management Zone within 200m	OPT : Other Park/Reserve - Limited timber harvesting	Present	Present	OPT identified along VHC Track within 200m of the gross coupe boundary during the overlay process.	OPT is within 200m of coupe boundary and approx. 400m from planned harvesting operations. OPT will not be affected by timber harvesting operations. No further Action.	
Forest Management Zone within 200m	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	Present	Present	Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 348/10 (Cool Temperate Rainforest and LBP Colony) & SPZ 348/02 (La Trobe River Reserve, landscape (Powellton - Noojee Road SMZ), Walk into History, Linear reserve, Cool Temperate RainFst) & Special Protection Zone (SPZ)348/09 (Yarra River reserve, Linear reserve, Recreation site (The Bump Tramline), Cool Temperate RainFst, LBP Colony) located within 200m of 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.	No Cool Temperate Rainforest identified within the harvest unit or within 40m of the Harvest unit boundary. Identified LBP colonys have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Latrobe River reserve and walk into history reserve are not within the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.

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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	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.	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder. Areas >30 degree slope have been marked out of the harvest unit. Permanent and temporary streams have been buffered out of the Harvest unit.
Forest Management Zone within 500m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone (GMZ) within 500m of coupe boundary.	No further action required.	
Forest Management Zone within 500m	OPT : Other Park/Reserve - Limited timber harvesting	Present	Present	OPT identified along VHC Track within 200m of the gross coupe boundary during the overlay process.	OPT is within 200m of coupe boundary and approx. 400m from planned harvesting operations. OPT will not be affected by timber harvesting operations. No further Action.	
Forest Management Zone within 500m	PRK : Conservation Parks and Reserves	Present	Present	Same value as OPT (This contains the Wa k into History Walking Track and is approx. 230m from coupe boundary.	Park is not within or adjacent to coupe boundary and will not be affected by harvesting. No further action.	
Forest Management Zone within 500m	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	Present	Present	Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 348/10 (Cool Temperate Rainforest and LBP Colony) & SPZ 348/02 (La Trobe River Reserve, landscape (Powellton - Noojee Road SMZ), Walk into History, Linear reserve, Cool Temperate RainFst) & Special Protection Zone (SPZ)348/09 (Yarra River reserve, Linear reserve, Recreation site (The Bump Tramline), Cool Temperate RainFst, LBP Colony) located within 500m of 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.	No Cool Temperate Rainforest identified within the harvest unit or within 40m of the Harvest unit boundary. Identified LBP colonys have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Latrobe River reserve and walk into history reserve are not within the Harvest unit. The Bump Tramline not identified within Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	8.41	8.41	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas within gross coupe boundary and contains no permanent stream, three temporary streams and associated drainage lines, and has and 4.53ha area of >30 degree slope.	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.	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder. Areas >30 degree slope have been marked out of the harvest unit. Permanent and temporary streams have been buffered out of the Harvest unit.



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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	GMZ : General Management Zone	66.76	66.76	General Management Zone within gross coupe boundary.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder. Operations will be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	SPZ : Special Protection Zone	1.25	1.25	Special Protection Zone (SPZ) 348/10 (Cool Temperate Rainforest and LBP Colony) & SPZ 348/02 (La Trobe River Reserve, landscape (Powellton - Noojee Road SMZ), Walk into History, Linear reserve, Cool Temperate RainFst) located within gross coupe boundary. With further investigation of the values an Application for exemption or temporary variation from 'Management Standard's and Procedures for timber harvesting operations in Victoria's State forests 2014', may be required, prior to harvesting.	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.	No Cool Temperate Rainforest identified within the harvest unit or within 40m of the Harvest unit boundary. Identified LBP colonies have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Latrobe River reserve and walk into history reserve are not within the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.
Non-State Forest in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Other situation issues	Other situation issues	[n/a]	Not Present	Gross coupe area greater then 40ha for CFE or STR harvesting.	Nett area of coupe harvested to be less than or equal to 40ha. Harvestable boundary will be GPS'd prior to harvesting and/or during harvesting to ensure nett area does not exceed 40ha.	
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	47.42	47.42	Coupe is within VF Reserve area, identified during the overlay process as VFSMP64. The value represented is LBPAG - New Colony Detection Reserve and will impact on the gross coupe area.	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.	Identified LBP colonies have been marked out of the Harvest unit with the use of GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder.
VF Reserve within 500m	LBPAG - LBP Known Colony Protection Reserve	41.12	41.12	Coupe is within 500m of VF Reserve area, identified during the overlay process as VFSMP64. The value represented is LBPAG - New Colony Detection Reserve and will impact on the gross coupe area.	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.	Identified LBP colonies have been marked out of the Harvest unit with the use of GPS, compass, hip chain and/or range finder.
VF SMA in coupe	FAUNA_LBP_SMA	76.00	76.00	VF SMA was identified in the overlay process to be VF_SMA representing the value LBP - Dowey Spur - LBP Research Site. It's within the gross coupe boundary and will impact on gross coupe area. It covers the whole gross coupe area	Dowey Spur Agreement requires consultation with Dan Harley (Zoos Victoria). Email received on 8/12/2020 indicates acceptance of the planned operation.	Email from Dan Harley (Zoos Victoria) received on 8/12/2020 indicates acceptance of the planned operation.
VF SMA within 500m	FAUNA_LBP_SMA	284.99	284.99	VF SMA was identified in the overlay process representing the value LBP - Dowey Spur - LBP Research Site. It's within the gross coupe boundary and will impact on gross coupe area. It covers the whole gross coupe area	Dowey Spur Agreement requires consultation with Dan Harley (Zoos Victoria). Email received on 8/12/2020 indicates acceptance of the planned operation.	Email from Dan Harley (Zoos Victoria) received on 8/12/2020 indicates acceptance of the planned operation.
VF SMA within 500m	MON_ARCUE_MA	33.44	33.44	Special Management Area (SMA) VFSMP66 (LBP Monitoring - ARCUE) located within 500m of coupe boundary.	VF SMA is not within or adjacent to coupe boundary and will not be affected by harvesting. No further action.	
Walking track in coupe	Walking track	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Walking track within 500m of coupe	Walking track	Present	Present	Walk into History Wa king Track within 300m to West boundary of coupe.	Walking track is not within or adjacent to coupe and will not be affected by harvesting. No further action.	

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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	68.77	68.77	Coupe overlay indicates 68.77ha of Ash Species within the gross coupe boundary.	Harvest in accordance with the Allocation Order to VicForests and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	No gaps will be greater than 150m from boundaries and broken up with patches no smaller than 10m by 10m if greater than 150m. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder.
Allocation Order Stratum	Mixed Species	6.40	6.40	Coupe overlay indicates 6.40ha 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 unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
Allocation Order Stratum	Unallocated	1.25	1.25	Unallocated areas within coupe boundary. See context map for details.	Unallocated areas to be excluded from harvesting.	No unallocated areas have been marked into the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
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	31.74	31.74	31.74 ha of slope between 20-30 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
Slope Class within coupe	20-25 Degrees	25.74	25.74	25.74 ha of slope between 20-25 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
Slope Class within coupe	25-30	14.42	14.42	14.42 ha of slope between 25-30 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
Slope Class within coupe	30+	4.53	4.53	4.53 ha of slope > 30 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Areas >30 degree slope have been marked out of the harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.



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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
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 within this coupe.		Permanent and temporary streams have been buffered out of the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.
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	Present	Present	Modelled Leadbeater's Possum habitat was detected during the overlay process, located within the coupe boundary. It is advised that a Leadbeater's Possum Habitat survey be conducted prior to harvesting or harvesting related activities.	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.	No LBP habitat identified within Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
Leadbeater's Possum habitat within 500m (Modelled/Zone1A)	Modelled Leadbeater's Possum habitat	Present	Present	Modelled Leadbeater's Possum habitat was detected during the overlay process, located within 500m of the coupe boundary. It is advised that a Leadbeater's Possum Habitat survey be conducted prior to harvesting or harvesting related activities.	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.	No LBP habitat identified within Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
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		

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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 biodiversity issues	Other biodiversity issues	[n/a]	Not Present	Coupe overlay process has detected low to Med potential Tree Geebung habitat within coupe overlay boundary	If found within coupe, protect mature tree geebung with a 50m buffer, if a buffer is not required then follow VFSMP316 and protect mature individual trees and populations where possible by incorporating them into areas that will be excluded from harvesting and thus protected from disturbance (both mechanical and fire). This can be through including trees in extended code exclusion areas (e.g. stream buffers) or grouping areas into clusters that protect multiple values (e.g. retained habitat). Contractor is to be made aware of species and to make efforts to avoid disturbing individual trees that have not been placed in exclusion areas.	
Other threatened flora	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Rainforest in coupe	Cool Temperate RF	0.46	0.46	Cool Temperate Rainforest identified during overlay process within coupe boundary.	If Rainforest is identified in the field, buffer in accordance with the VicForests Rainforest Identification Instruction	No Cool Temperate Rainforest identified within the harvest unit or within 40m of the Harvest unit boundary. Identified LBP colonys have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Latrobe River reserve and walk into history reserve are not within the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.
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	13.61	13.61	Cool Temperate Rainforest identified during overlay process within 500m of coupe boundary.	If Rainforest is identified in the field, buffer in accordance with the VicForests Rainforest Identification Instruction	No Cool Temperate Rainforest identified within the harvest unit or within 40m of the Harvest unit boundary. Identified LBP colonys have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Latrobe River reserve and walk into history reserve are not within the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.
Reference Area within 500m of coupe	Reference area	Not Present	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
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	12.70	12.70	Rainforest EVC was identified during the overlay process, mapped inside and adjacent to the coupe boundary. Further field verification will be required to confirm presence prior to commencement of harvesting activities.	If Rainforest is identified in the field, buffer in accordance with the VicForests Rainforest Identification Instruction	No Cool Temperate Rainforest identified within the harvest unit or within 40m of the Harvest unit boundary. Identified LBP colonys have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Latrobe River reserve and walk into history reserve are not within the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.
Threatened EVC within 500m	Cool Temperate Rainforest	4.17	4.17	Rainforest EVC was identified during the overlay process, mapped inside and adjacent to the coupe boundary. Further field verification will be required to confirm presence prior to commencement of harvesting activities.	If Rainforest is identified in the field, buffer in accordance with the VicForests Rainforest Identification Instruction	No Cool Temperate Rainforest identified within the harvest unit or within 40m of the Harvest unit boundary. Identified LBP colonys have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Latrobe River reserve and walk into history reserve are not within the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hipchain and Rangefinder.
Threatened fauna site in coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Petauroides volans: Greater Glider	Present	Present	Greater Glider species observation record within 500m of the coupe boundary.	Apply VicForests Greater Glider Conservation Strategy prescriptions. Retain at least 40% of the basal area of eucalypts across each timber harvesting coupe, prioritising live, hollow bearing trees, wherever a density of Greater Gliders equal to or greater than three individuals per spotlight kilometre (or equivalent measure) is identified.	The largest, live, hollow-bearing trees for habitat retention will be prioritised. 40% or greater of the Gross area Basal Area will be retained.

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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
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Gymnobelideus leadbeateri: Leadbeater's Possum Colony	Present	Not Present	Leadbeaters Possum species observation record within 500m of coupe boundary.	LBP colony is protected by a 200m buffer in SPZ 348/10. 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 or associated activities will occur within the SPZ.	
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Mastacomys fuscus: Broad Toothed Rat	Present	Present	Broad-toothed Rat species observation within 500m of coupe boundary.	Species detection is from 1992 in predator scat. 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, specifically Harvest and Regeneration systems.	Harvest is in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.
Threatened flora site within 500m of coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	Tyto tenebricosa tenebricosa: Sooty Owl	Present	Present	Sooty Owl species observation record within coupe boundary.	Individual records of this species do not require any management actions. Apply VicForests HCV management system. Foresters to be vigilant for potential roosting or nesting sites. If identified operations must cease immediately within a 300m radius of the identified site and the Manager Forest Policy and Compliance notified. Where identified, harvesting must not commence or re-commence within the vicinity until advice has been provided by either Manager Biodiversity Conservation and Research or Manager Forest Policy and Compliance.	No Sooty Owl were identified in the field. If identified they will be protected. Contractor will be made aware and protect if identified. If identified operations must cease immediately within a 300m radius of the identified site and the Manager Forest Policy and Compliance notified. Where identified, harvesting must not commence or re-commence within the vicinity until advice has been provided by either Manager Biodiversity Conservation and Research or Manager Forest Policy and Compliance. The contractor will be provided with Large Forest Owl Fact Sheet and briefed on the identification of signs of habitat/roost trees and requirement to notify VicForests of these signs.

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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
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	Petauroides volans: Greater Glider	Present	Present	Greater Glider species observation record within coupe boundary	Apply VicForests Greater Glider Conservation Strategy prescriptions. Retain at least 40% of the basal area of eucalypts across each timber harvesting coupe, prioritising live, hollow bearing trees, wherever a density of Greater Gliders equal to or greater than three individuals per spotlight kilometre (or equivalent measure) is identified.	The largest, live, hollow-bearing trees for habitat retention will be prioritised. 40% or greater of the Gross Basal Area will be retained.
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.	All Identified LBP colonies have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	Persoonia arborea: Tree Geebung	Present	Present	Tree Geebung species observation record within coupe boundary.	Protect mature tree geebung with a 50m buffer, if a buffer is not required then follow VFSMP316 and protect mature individual trees and populations where possible by incorporating them into areas that will be excluded from harvesting and thus protected from disturbance (both mechanical and fire). This can be through including trees in extended code exclusion areas (e.g. stream buffers) or grouping areas into clusters that protect multiple values (e.g. retained habitat). Contractor is to be made aware of species and to make efforts to avoid disturbing individual trees that have not been placed in exclusion areas.	No Tree Geebung have been identified within the harvest unit. The contractor will be briefed about measures to identify and protect Tree Geebung within the Harvest unit if identified during harvesting.

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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
Threatened Species Observations within 500m of coupe	Tyto tenebricosa tenebricosa: Sooty Owl	Present	Present	Sooty Owl species observation record within 500m of coupe boundary.	Individual records of this species do not require any management actions. Apply VicForests HCV management system. Foresters to be vigilant for potential roosting or nesting sites. If identified operations must cease immediately within a 300m radius of the identified site and the Manager Forest Policy and Compliance notified. Where identified, harvesting must not commence or re-commence within the vicinity until advice has been provided by either Manager Biodiversity Conservation and Research or Manager Forest Policy and Compliance.	No Sooty Owl were identified in the field. If identified they will be protected. Contractor will be made aware and protect if identified. If identified operations must cease immediately within a 300m radius of the identified site and the Manager Forest Policy and Compliance notified. Where identified, harvesting must not commence or re-commence within the vicinity until advice has been provided by either Manager Biodiversity Conservation and Research or Manager Forest Policy and Compliance. The contractor will be provided with Large Forest Owl Fact Sheet and briefed on the identification of signs of habitat/roost trees and requirement to notify VicForests of these signs.
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 colony is protected by a 200m buffer in SPZ 348/10. 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 or associated activities will occur within the SPZ.	All Identified LBP colonies have been marked out of the Harvest unit. Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, Clinometer, Hipchain and Rangefinder
VF Large Trees in Coupe	None found	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
VF Large Trees within 500m	Trees 250 - 399 cm	Present	Present	Large tree identified during overlay process within coupe boundary.	All living trees equal to or greater than 2.5 m DBHOB or 85 m in height are to be retained and protected.	No Trees equal to or greater than 2.5 m DBHOB or 85 m in height have been identified within the Harvest Unit.
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	38.81	0.00	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	150.26	0.00	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	Walk Into History	Present	Present	Historic Area Walk Into History Identified within 500m of the gross coupe boundary during the overlay process	Historic Area is not within or adjacent to coupe boundary and will not be affected by harvesting. No Further Action.	
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	Present	Present	Tramway was detected in the overlay analysis process, within 100m from the coupe boundary.	Location of site to be confirmed in the field. If historic fabric is present, apply a 5m filter strip each side of the Tramway measured from the edge of the linear features earthworks. The number of crossings must be minimised and shown on the coupe plan map, crossings may only be at approved sites that minimises disturbance and artefacts within the Tramway must be left in situ.	No tramway identified within the harvest unit.
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	Coupe is adjacent to Romans Creek Track	Use a minimum 20 m vegetation buffer	Harvest unit has been marked with pink tape with the use of GPS, Compass, clinometer, hip chain and Range finder. Areas >30 degree slope have been marked out of the harvest unit. Permanent and temporary streams have been buffered out of the Harvest unit.

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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
Landscape Issues in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Middleground issues (500m-6.5k)	POWELLTOWN_NOOJEE_ROAD Middleground	76.35	76.35	76.35 ha of the coupe is within 500m-6.5km of Powelltown Noojee Road. The coupe is potentially visible from this location due to topography.	Manage timber harvesting operations to ensure landscape alterations are only subtly apparent within 5 years of the operation and shape, position and time timber harvesting operations and new roads to minimise their visual impact	Seed tree and patch retention will be used within the Harvest unit to ensure that it is subtly apparent within 5 years of the operation.
Other landscape issues	Other landscape issues	[n/a]	Not Present	No action required		
Outer issues (6.5k - 12km)	NEERIM_JUNCTION_v Outer	0.72	0.72	0.72 ha of the coupe is within 6.5km-12km of Neerim Junction. The coupe is potentially visible from this location due to topography. This area is below the Dowey Spur Ridgeline.	Design timber harvesting operations so that clearfall and skyline notches are not apparent from Neerim Junction	Seed tree and patch retention will be used within the Harvest unit to ensure that it is subtly apparent within 5 years of the operation.
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	None identified	[n/a]	None identified			



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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.	_____
Crew Member	_____	FOLS No.	_____
Crew Member	_____	FOLS No.	_____
Crew Member	_____	FOLS No.	_____
Crew Member	_____	FOLS No.	_____
			Hammer 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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