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To NPWS Northern Zone  
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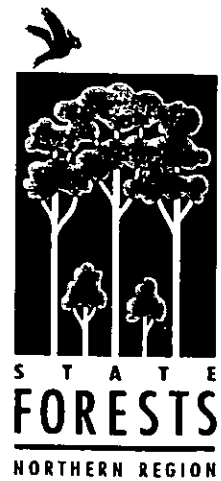
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your ref: NPWS Licence Mebbin 1/2

### Message

**RE Mebbin SF Cpts 1 & 2**

We refer to the NPWS Licence for these compartments that request SF determine the identity of the animals that made the scraping marks resembling Black Breasted Button Quail in these compartments.

The area has been investigated by Rob Kooyman and his report indicates the most likely cause was bandicoots and that signs of BBBQ were not found in the compartments.

Please indicate your concurrence with this conclusion so that harvesting may commence.

Thank you.

**Results of Black-breasted Button Quail Surveys and Habitat Assessments in Mebbin SF, Cmpts. 1 & 2. Monday, 22nd of September, 1997.**

Surveys conducted by: Robert Kooyman - FA [Flora and Fauna], Nth.Rivers Region.  
Assisted by: Robyn Herklots.

**Introduction:**

As a result of pre-logging surveys conducted by Kooyman during January 1997 [report dated: 21/1/97] which located 'platelet' feeding scratches possibly indicating Black-breasted Button Quail, NPWS Nth. Zone required further survey for this species prior to operations commencing.

Subsequently a survey of the area was conducted on 22/9/97.

**Survey Results:**

A one day survey involving habitat assessments and searches, platelet searches, playback calling and listening, was conducted after recent rain-storms [<12 hours] to maximise potential for call responses and unprompted calling from territorial female BBBQ. Although the rainfall fell short of the "100mm in a few days" cited in Gilmore and Parnaby - 1994, it was felt by Kooyman to be significant enough to proceed with the survey.

1. Playback calling was conducted at five sites - nil result.
2. Habitat assessments indicate marginal habitat, with a lack of connectivity to larger areas of 'fire-proof' rainforest vegetation [in the harvestable area and sites adjacent].
3. Platelet searches relocated the area described in the original report dated 21/1/97. Characteristic platelets were again located, however diggings were more prevalent on this occasion than on the previous survey. A close inspection of more than twenty of these diggings/platelets revealed some variation in design, ie. many conformed to BBBQ patterns but a larger number were characteristic of bandicoot [both conical digging and pseudo-platelets]. Scats were collected and identified in the field as bandicoot, swamp wallaby, and red necked pademelon.
4. Habitat searches for the BBBQ resulted in no sightings or other indications of this species in the area of cmpts. 1&2, Mebbin SF.