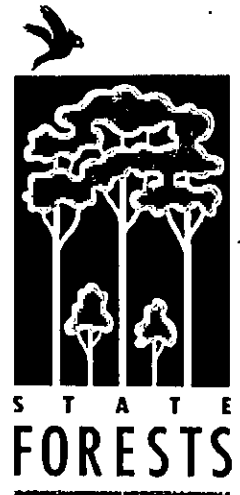


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To Stephanie Knox, Chair NE Harvesting Advisory Board
Members of the Board
Executive Officer, John MacGregor Skinner
HAB Co-ordinator Mark Carron

From Jacqui Parry, Regional Manager, Northern Rivers Region

Date 26th June 1998

Subject Report on final HP for IDFA Cpt 196 and 199Yabba

File No

Dear Stephanie, Members,

I have summarised in the attached report the outcome of deliberations of the Board on IDFA cpts 196 and 199 Yabba SF. Regrettably we did not achieve consensus on the recommendation to approve the Harvesting Plan, however there is a clear majority decision of the Board in favour of approving the plan..

I have also attached the report on the outcome of harvesting cpt 286. A workshop was recently held with our field supervisors to discuss the outcomes in cpt 286 and to identify steps we can take achieve continuous improvement in implementation of harvesting plans. As a result of that workshop the following have occurred :

- The SFO's all have a better understanding of the requirements for retention of Habitat, Recruitment Habitat and Koala Browse trees,
- They have a method for calculating the maximum number of Habitat trees required to be marked in any particular areas,
- They are under instruction to record the number marked there will be a quantitative assessment of the number of trees marked for retention, and
- A Forest Planner will be tasked to assist with implementation in the first week of treemarking and supervision.

Wet weather has delayed implementation of the plan, but we anticipate roads will be dry enough to commence on Tuesday 30th June. I wish to express my appreciation to all Board members for their work out of session .



Jacqui Parry

Regional Manager

Northern Rivers Region

CC: Graeme King, General Manager, Native Forests Division

Attachment 1

Organisation / Group Represented	Member	Agree / Disagree	Comments or requests for additional conditions
Chair person	Stephanie Knox	Response not received	Independent Chair will not usually vote
SFNSW	Robert Williams (Acting Regional Manager)	Agreed	
NP&WS	Gary Davey	Agreed subject to satisfactory resolution of issues detailed in letter of 15.4.98	
EPA	Jill Gallagher	Agreed	
Nature Conservation Council	Dailan Pugh Georgia Beyer Daniel Hall (joint submission)	Disagreed to by Georgia Beyer & Daniel Hall on behalf of Dailan Pugh. Disagreed. Disagreed.	Considered that adequate measures have not been taken to protect the conservation values of the area. Will not approve logging of any IDFA Cpts until it is demonstrated that there is no practicable non-IDFA areas available to log.
Timber Industry Representatives	Russ Ainley	Agreed to by C Dorber on his behalf. Subject to letter of 15.4.98 by Russell Ainley.	Registered a protest about application of prescriptions in excess of legal requirements (e.g. in excess of Conservation Protocols).
Timber Industry Representatives	Ian Conley	Agreed to by F G Day on his behalf.	No further comment
Timber Industry Representatives	Ewan Stephenson	Agreed	No further comment
Union Representative	Kelly Livingstone	Agreed to by C Mackowski on her behalf	No further comment
Aboriginal Community Representative	Ron Herron	Agreed	
NO. MEMBERS (EXCLUDING CHAIR)		11	
TOTAL RESPONDED		11	
TOTAL AGREED		8	
TOTAL DISAGREED		3	
OUTCOME		<p>Terms of Reference aims ideally for consensus but as a minimum requires a two thirds majority.</p> <p>There is greater than a two thirds majority of Board (excluding the Independent Chair) in agreement.</p>	

Attachment 2

**Summary of issues raised by NE Harvesting Advisory Board members
In response to the final Harvesting Plan for Cpts 196 & 199, Yabbra SF.**

Hab Member	Issue	Outcome
R.J.Williams Acting Regional Manager	Recommended approval of the harvesting plan.	
Gary Davey, NPWS	<p>Approval subject to satisfactory resolution of issues detailed in letter of 15.4.98:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Owl Landscape maps not acceptable2. Australian Group Selection system not considered appropriate.3. Boundary of old growth zone to be extended to include the location of <i>Cynachum elegans</i> record.4. Koala transect did not sample midslope or gully habitats or Forest Type 74.5. Yellow-bellied Glider record not included in table 2.6. Location information for <i>Cynanchum elegans</i> not supplied.7. BOGMP Category B rainforest to be mapped using polygon lines rather than grid cell lines.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Owl Landscape maps amended. Amended version supplied to NPWS on 22.4.98.2. Restriction of AGS system removed by NPWS in letter of 4.5.98.3. Location of <i>Cynachum elegans</i> amended to fit grid coordinates given in flora survey. New location is within the old growth zone.4. Survey requirements for Koala transects resolved with NPWS accepting transects undertaken.5. Yellow-bellied Glider record included in HP.6. Location details for <i>Cynanchum elegans</i> supplied to NPWS.7. HP map amended to show BOGMP Category B rainforest with polygon lines.

	8. Marbled Frogmouth and Black-breasted Button-Quail prescriptions.	8. Marbled Frogmouth prescription incorporated into HP. Black-breasted Button-Quail prescription not included in HP as fauna surveys did not find suitable habitat.
Jill Gallagher, EPA	Recommended approval of the harvesting plan.	
Col Dorber for Russell Ainley, Industry Representative	<p>Recommended approval of the harvesting plan subject to letter of 15.4.98. Concerns raised about delays in achieving deadlines for approval of the plan and the IDFA selection process generally.</p> <p>Concerns about the harvesting Plan were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special conditions being applied to IDFA compartments in contradiction of the NSW Government's Forestry Decision of 1996. 2. Inclusion of species in Table 2 which have not been properly recorded within, or within 5 km of the compartment and any prescriptions not relevant to the plan. 3. The requirement to remove by hand any tree accidentally fallen into exclusion zones – impractical and not contained within the Protocols. 4. Any additional survey requirements not triggered by relevant records within the prescribed area. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SFNSW raised these concerns with NPWS in letter of 30.4.98. NPWS in letter of 4.5.98 removed some of the restrictions however consider that the Conservation Protocols are the minimum protection measures for IDFA compartments. 2. HP complies with NPWS Licence requirements. 3. This concern was raised with NPWS on 17.4.98. As stated in NPWS letter of 4.5.98 these requirements still stand. 4. As for point 2.

	<p>5. Any restriction to sound silvicultural practice.</p> <p>6. Failure to implement clause 21 of the protocol and 15c) of the Broad area Licence in respect of the silvicultural objective for the compartment.</p>	<p>5. NPWS has removed restriction on AGS system.</p> <p>6. SFNSW sought review of prescriptions under clause 21 in letter of 30.4.98. The NPWS removed restriction on AGS system (letter of 4.5.98).</p>
G Day for I Conley, Industry Rep.	Recommended approval of the harvesting plan.	
Ewan Stevenson, Industry Rep.	Recommended approval of the harvesting plan.	
C Mackowski for Andrew Ellem, CFMEU	Recommended approval of the harvesting plan.	
Ron Herron, Aboriginal community	Recommended approval of the harvesting plan.	
<p>Dalian Pugh</p> <p>Georgia Beyer,</p> <p>Daniel Hall</p> <p>Conservation representatives</p>	<p>Did not approve the harvesting plan.</p> <p>Concerns raised were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did not consider that adequate measures have been taken to protect conservation values of the area. 2. Do not approve logging of IDFA compartments until it is demonstrated that no practical non-IDFA compartments to harvest and that issues tabled 17 March have been adequately addressed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conservation measures were applied to the HP according to Conservation Protocol and NPWS Licence requirements. 2. The former District Forester Urbenville has documented the timber volumes in Urbenville Management Area and his documentation has been accepted by the Board.

Attachment 3**The agreed process for Cpt 196 and 199 Yabbra SF**

WHO	WHAT	BY WHEN	PROGRESS
All HAB members	Provide their preliminary comments on the draft Harvesting Plan presented with the business papers for today's meeting.	Close of bus. Tuesday 24th March REMINDER SENT 7AM 24TH	NEFA comments received am 25/3/98 NP&WS comments rec. am 25/3/98
SFNSW	Completes outstanding spring/summer flora and fauna survey, incorporates prescriptions arising from information provided in those surveys. Considers and incorporates, as appropriate, issues raised by HAB members in their preliminary comments. Completes the harvesting plan. Provides a copy of the flora and fauna reports and the completed Harvesting Plan to each HAB member.	Close of Bus. Wednesday 25th March	Completed 23.3.98 and results incorporated into the Harvesting Plan 24.3.98 Received too late to be incorporated. Harvesting Plan finalised and sent to HAB member by Courier 4pm 25.3.98
All HAB members	Consider the Harvesting Plan and the flora and fauna report, and advise (by return fax) their recommendation for approval of the harvesting plan as presented , or suggested amendments.	Close of Bus. Wednesday 1st April	FPA comments rec. pm 30.3.98 NEFA comments rec. pm 1/4/98 EPA advised 31 st March they will not be commenting, but will consider the plan in the usual licencing procedure NP&WS comments received am 3/4/98
SFNSW (NP&WS)	Considers the responses, consults with the relevant regulatory authorities (including NP&WS) and determines through consultation how any suggested amendments should be dealt with.	Friday 3rd April	NEFA and NP&WS submissions were substantial was not possible to consider and incorporate the required amendments in time to courier the package out by the required time. EPA advised they will have comments by Tuesday 7 April REVISED DATE THUR 9th April

SFNSW	Finalises the Harvesting Plan, taking into consideration issues raised by HAB members, prepares advice to HAB members on how the issues were dealt with.	Friday 3rd April	REVISED DATE THUR 9th April NPWS prescription for Marbled Frogmouth not received. Amendments requested by EPA and NPWS members incorporated into harvesting Plan.
SFNSW	Distributes the final Harvesting Plan and the advice to all HAB members (overnight by courier or by hand as arranged with each HAB member), with a covering sheet on which HAB members must record their final recommendation on approval of the Harvesting Plan.	Close of Bus. Friday 3rd April	REVISED DATE THUR 9th April Revised Harvesting Plan sent to HAB members by mail or delivered in person. Revised deadline met.
All HAB members	Advise SFNSW, by faxing the completed covering sheet, of their final recommendation.	Close of bus. Wednesday 8th April	REVISED DATE WED 15th April SFNSW member Received 15.4.98 NPWS member Received 15.4.98 EPA member Received 15.4.98 Conservationist members Received 16.4.98 Industry members Received 9.4.98, 15.4.98 & 16.4.98 Union member Received 17.4.98 Aboriginal Community member Received 17.4.98
SFNSW	Advise HAB members by return fax of the outcome.	Close of bus. Thursday 9th April.	REVISED DATE THUR 16th April Revised deadline not met due resolving of NPWS requirements for Marbled Frogmouth and the use of AGS silvicultural system.
SFNSW	Additional steps	30 April	Request review of prescriptions applied by NPWS on the basis that they impact >20 % on the nett loggable area.

NPWS	Additional steps	4 May	Advised that as a result of the review, they will approve the use of Australian group selection but will not provide further relief.
SFNSW	Additional steps	11 May 19 May	Harvesting Plan finalised 11/5/98. The application of Conservation Protocols dealt with at a policy level (meeting with NPWS 18/5/98). SFNSW advised HAB that the HP was finalised, but would not be implemented until issues concerning marking and supervision of the logging operation of Cpt 286 were resolved. South Yabbra Road is wet and damaged by unauthorised Army activity.
SFNSW	Provide copies of the final Harvesting Plan to SFO's and contractors, read through the plan with them in the field and commence tree marking in preparation for harvesting to commence	14 -15th April	REVISED DATE FRI 17th April Initially delayed due to negotiations between SFNSW & NPWS over additional prescriptions. Further delayed by need to resolve issues with tree marking and supervision with Cpt 286. Revised date now MON 1st June

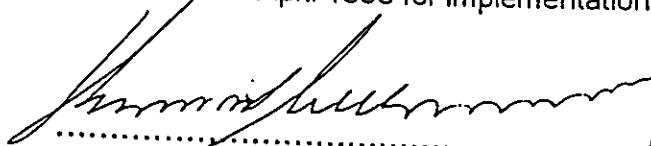
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.....(signature)

NOT AGREED

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DATED

15th April 1998
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NAME (please print)

R.J. Williams Acting Regional Manager SF&PW
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.....*Gary Davey*.....(signature)

NOT AGREED

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DATED

.....15 April 1998.....

NAME (please print).....

GARY DAVEY

Please note that this agreement is given subject to the satisfactory resolution of the issues described in the attached memorandum and letter.

Gary Davey
15.4.98



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MEMORANDUM

NORTHERN ZONE

DATE: 15 April, 1998
TO: Bob Williams
FROM: Gary Davey
SUBJECT: Harvesting Plan for compartments 196, 197 Yabbra State Forest

Following a further review of the amended Harvesting Plan for the above compartments, it is apparent that the Harvesting Plan has been revised to include the previous comments made by National Parks and Wildlife Service. There are, however, still problems with the Harvesting Plan, including the owl landscape maps, the intention to undertake Australian Group Selection in the compartments, the adequacy of protection for the endangered plant species *Cynachum elegans* and the adequacy of the Koala transect in compartment 199. A number of other minor points are also included for your attention.

Owl landscape maps

The Owl landscape maps are not acceptable. The rationale for determining the area of non-suitable habitat has not been provided and it appears that the area of non-suitable habitat has been incorrectly calculated. Further, areas of non-suitable Powerful and Masked Owl habitat have been included in the retained areas.

The design rules for owl landscape maps state that suitable owl habitat does not include large areas of non-riparian rainforest. Accordingly, it is unacceptable to include any areas of BOGMP category A and B rainforest present in the planning area as suitable habitat. The intention of recognising riparian rainforest areas as suitable habitat was meant to apply only when the areas of riparian rainforest are surrounded by non-rainforest communities as, in these situations, the riparian rainforest areas are likely to contain large trees that have hollows suitable for roost or nests for Powerful and Masked Owls. Where non-riparian rainforest is contiguous with riparian rainforest, it is unlikely that such hollow-bearing trees will occur.

Therefore, areas of BOGMP Category A and B rainforest in the planning area should not be considered as suitable Powerful and Masked Owl habitat for the purposes of calculating the area of retained habitat or included as part of the retained Powerful and Masked Owl habitat on the landscape maps.

According to NPWS data, the area of BOGMP category A and B rainforest present in the planning area is approximately 4,500 ha. Therefore the area of non-suitable habitat is at least 4,500 ha (not including other non-forest areas), rather than the 3,624 ha estimated by SFNSW. Accordingly, this reduces the area required to be reserved in IDFA forest areas from 1,592 ha to approximately 1,350 ha (being 25% of the suitable habitat area of 1,560 ha less the 204 ha area of production forest to be retained). However, as some of the 1,592 ha retained by SFNSW in the IDFA forest area contains non-suitable habitat, SFNSW will need to identify other areas of habitat that meet the requirements of the guidelines.

Australian Group Selection

The Australian Group Selection (AGS) system allows the creation of canopy gaps that are a range of sizes that *average* about 40-50 metres diameter. Site preparation can include limited felling or tractor pushing of non-commercial trees. It is not considered appropriate that AGS is conducted in IDFA compartments for the following reasons:

- the technique of canopy gapping is still under review;
- the technique could adversely affect the conservation values of the IDFA compartment; and
- the technique could adversely affect a number of threatened species known to occur in the IDFA compartment.

As IDFA compartments retain that status even though they have been released for harvesting, it is important that the conservation values of these compartments are not unduly compromised. AGS may contribute to adverse impacts on important conservation values, particularly with respect to threatened species, and it is therefore considered appropriate to ensure this situation is avoided wherever possible.

Cynachum elegans

The discovery of this species in compartment 199 is a considerable extension in the distribution range for the species, which was previously only known south of about Grafton. Accordingly, the population is of considerable importance and should be afforded appropriate protection. The area occupied by *Cynachum elegans* is estimated by SFNSW to be less than 50 m² and is apparently close to, or within, the boundary of an identified old growth area. In view of the proximity to the identified old growth area, it is considered appropriate to extend the boundary of the identified old growth area to include the location of *Cynachum elegans* and include at least 50 metres between the species and the exclusion boundary. This will assist in ensuring that the species is not accidentally damaged during harvesting activities or adversely affected by changes to the microclimate as a result of canopy reduction in proximity to its location. Further, the species is believed to be susceptible to fire (Quinn et al, 1995), and therefore it is appropriate to require that post-harvesting burning is excluded from within the buffer area applied to *Cynachum elegans*.

Koala transect in compartment 199

As noted in your response to NPWS comments about the Threatened Species Pre-Roading and pre-Logging Surveys, 3.5 km of Koala surveys have been undertaken in the two compartments. While the distance covered is satisfactory for the requirements of the current Koala prescription, it appears from the map provided that approximately 300 metres the koala transect in compartment 199 was undertaken in an area of identified old growth, and 200 metres appears to

have been conducted within the adjacent compartment. As neither of these areas are logging areas, these parts of the Koala transect do not appear to satisfy the prescription which requires that a walk transect is conducted of the logging area. It also appears that the transect was conducted along the ridge and did not sample midslope or gully habitats, or areas of Forest Type 74 - Spotted Gum/Grey Ironbark, whereas the prescription requires the transect samples a representative and well distributed cross-section of the logging area.

If the above is correct, then it is apparent that the requirements of the Koala prescription will not have been fully met and a supplementary survey, within a representative and well distributed cross-section of the logging area of compartment 199, will need to be undertaken. Accordingly, would you please clarify the above matters.

Other minor points

- The Yellow-bellied Glider record made immediately north of compartment 196 has not been included in table 2 on page 14, although is marked on the compartment map.
- The location information for *Cynachum elegans* has still not been supplied. The provision of this information would assist in determining whether the species is located within the boundary of the identified old growth area in compartment 199.
- It appears that the Harvesting Plan Operational Map have mapped the boundaries of the BOGMP Category B rainforest on the basis of grid cells rather than the polygon lines. These maps should be redrafted to use the BOGMP Category B rainforest polygon lines rather than the edge of the grid cells to more accurately reflect the boundary of the identified rainforest. Please ensure that in redrafting these boundaries the required buffers for both riparian areas and Category A and B rainforest, as per the proposed Marbled Frogmouth prescription, are included.
- Proposed prescription for the Marbled Frogmouth and Black-breasted Button-Quail are attached for your consideration.



Gary Davey
Manager, Threatened Species Unit,
Northern Zone



15 April 1998

Mr Bob Williams
Planning Manager, Northern Rivers Region
State Forests of NSW
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Our reference:
Your reference:

Dear Bob

RE: DRAFT site-specific prescriptions for Marbled Frogmouth and Black-breasted Button-quail in Yabba State Forest, compartment 196

I refer to the facsimile dated 7 April 1998 from Mr Jim Shields to NPWS concerning the development of site-specific prescriptions for Marbled Frogmouth and Black-breasted Button-quail in the above IDFA compartment.

After considering the recommendations proposed in the abovementioned facsimile, NPWS has developed the following draft prescriptions. The proposed prescription incorporates the views expressed by Dr Jim Shields. Your comments would be appreciated.

Site-specific prescription for Marbled Frogmouth

The prescription is designed to protect important roosting and foraging habitat for the Marbled Frogmouth from adverse disturbance. Such habitat includes drainage lines, rainforest and the adjacent mixed forest habitat.

NPWS accepts the proposal put forward by Dr Jim Shields. Accordingly, the DRAFT prescription for Marbled Frogmouth in compartment 196 is as follows:

- a) Riparian buffers must be at least 40 metres wide on each side of all streams.
- b) A buffer zone at least 30 metres wide must be established around all category A and category B rainforest.
- c) Specified forestry activities, with the exception of road maintenance (re-opening an existing road) where there is no other practical means of access, must be excluded from rainforest, rainforest buffers and riparian buffers established for this species.

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- d) Trees must not be felled into rainforest or riparian buffer zones. All practical precautions must be taken to avoid felling trees into rainforest buffer and riparian buffer zones. If a tree is accidentally felled into a buffer, heads etc. must be removed by hand.
- e) The rainforest buffers and riparian buffers must be mapped on the Harvesting Plan Operational Map and clearly recorded in the Harvesting Plan. The buffer widths must be clearly indicated on the Harvesting Plan Operational Map.

Site-specific prescription for Black-breasted Button-quail

NPWS considers that the most appropriate way to determine the presence of this species in the compartment is to conduct pre-logging surveys in accordance with the conditions of the Broad Area Licence dated 26 February 1998. The facsimile from Dr Shields indicates that SFNSW is seeking to apply a prescription for the above species in lieu of survey. Although NPWS acknowledges that elements of the Marbled Frogmouth prescription may assist in protecting potential habitat for Black-breasted Button-quail, it is possible that additional areas of potential habitat exist in the compartment. In view of this, the site-specific prescription outlined below has been developed.

This prescription is designed to protect rainforest and the adjacent mixed forest habitat and viney-scrub and lantana thickets with dense ground cover and deep leaf litter from adverse disturbance. Such areas may be important foraging habitat for the Black-breasted Button-quail.

The prescription proposed is as follows:

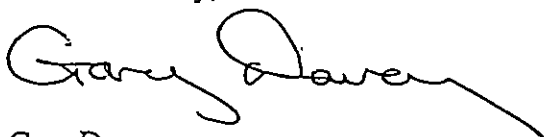
- a) A buffer zone at least 30 metres wide must be established around all category A and category B rainforest.
- b) Before the commencement of specified forestry activities, SFNSW must search for areas that contain viney-scrub, (lantana thickets) or areas with a dense understorey and deep leaf litter that have not been burnt in the last 10 years. If such areas exist, specified forestry activities must be excluded from these areas and the areas surveyed, by a person with experience in surveying for this species, in accordance with the conditions of the Broad Area Licence of 26 February 1998. These areas must be mapped and the map provided to NPWS.
- c) If the surveys referred to in b) above result in no feeding scrapes or observations of the species, NPWS must be notified of the survey results before SFNSW commence specified forestry activities in these areas.
- d) If the surveys referred to in b) above result in feeding scrapes or observations, the areas will be protected by a 50 metre buffer. Specified forestry activities will remain excluded from within these areas and their associated buffers.
- e) The areas of potential habitat identified in d) above must be clearly indicated on the Harvesting Plan Operational Map and clearly recorded in the Harvesting Plan.

- f) Alternatively, if SFNSW elect not to survey the areas identified in b) above, the areas must be reserved from specified forestry activities and protected with a 50 metre buffer. A copy of the amended Harvesting Plan Operational Map must be forwarded to NPWS.

Finally, it should be noted that NPWS acknowledges that the application of the Critical Weight Range Vertebrate prescription in the compartment will assist the protection of ground level vegetation from post-logging burning. This may contribute to the protection of important habitat elements for both species.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please contact Kate Dallimore, Threatened Species Officer on (02) 6651 5946.

Yours faithfully,



Gary Davey

Manager, Threatened Species Unit

Northern Zone

for DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 15 April 1998

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AGREED

J. M. Gallagher.....(signature)

NOT AGREED

n/a.....(signature)

DATED

15/4/98.....

NAME (please print).....Jill Gallagher (EPA).....

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*John E. Director**subject to letter attached*

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NOT AGREED

[Signature]

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DATED

15/4/98

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*C. J. DOBBER FOR RUSSEN ANLEY***FAXED**
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**FPA****To:**

John Macgregor-Skinner
Executive Officer
NESFHAB

Copy to State Forests, Northern Rivers Region

From:**Russ Ainley**

15 April, 1998

Re: HARVESTING PLAN CPTS 196 & 199 YABBRA SF

I am becoming increasingly concerned with delays in achieving the milestones for approval of this plan, in particular, and in the IDFA selection process generally. My concern arises from an apparent disregard of HAB members with the issue of timber supply (the primary term of reference for the HAB) and follows the undue delay in approving operations within Compartment 286, Yabba State Forest, after resolution by the HAB.

For Compartment 286, imposition by the NPWS of additional requirements, at the last minute and outside of the agreed Conservation Protocols was unacceptable. Inclusion within the harvesting plan of restrictions in excess of the Conservation Protocols and the long delay awaiting final approval by State Forests was equally unacceptable.

The program for approval of the Harvesting Plan for Compartments 196 and 199, Yabba State Forest was set at the last HAB meeting to include ample time for comments and consideration of issues, and was then delayed by one week to provide for conservationists input. The delay and excessive restrictions on compartment 286 has increased the urgency for approval of compartments 196 and 199. No further delay can be tolerated.

In respect of the Harvesting Plan for Compartments 196 and 199, Yabba State Forest, I am still concerned about:

- special conditions being applied to IDFA compartments in contradiction of the NSW Government's Forestry Decision of 1996;
- the inclusion of species in Table 2 which have not been properly recorded within, or within 5 km., of the compartment and any prescriptions for species that are not relevant to the plan;

- the requirement to remove by hand any tree accidentally fallen into exclusion zones - that is impossible and will not happen. It is not within the Protocols;
- any additional survey requirements not triggered by relevant records within the prescribed area;
- any restriction on sound silvicultural practice;
- failure to implement clause 21 of the Protocol and 15 c) of the Broad Area License in respect of the silvicultural objective for the compartment.

Industry will not be bound by any restriction of harvesting operations that is not in accord with the agreed Conservation Protocols.

Industry will cannot abide delays in the planning process beyond the timelines set at the last meeting.

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[Signature] BORN TIMBER
for I. CONLEY(signature)

NOT AGREED

.....(signature)

DATED

16-4-98
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NAME (please print).....

F. G. DAY
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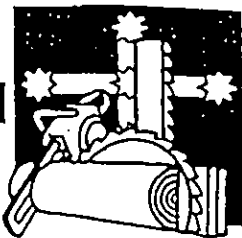
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DATED

9-4-98

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FROM: C. MACKOWSKI
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SUBJECT: RE: 196/199 Yabba.

I have discussed this matter
by phone with Andrew Ellen
and transmit the attached
signed agreement on his behalf.

C. Mackowski
17/4/98.

NORTH EAST STATE FORESTS HARVESTING ADVISORY BOARD

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AGREED *Andrew Ellem* for ANDREW ELLEM
.....(signature)

~~NOT AGREED~~(signature)

DATED 17 April 1998

NAME (please print)..... ANDREW ELLEM
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TO: JOHN MACGREGOR-SKINNER Date: 17/4/98

ATTENTION: JOHN Time: 3.55 PM

FAX NUMBER: 66 625 826 Initials: Ron H.

FROM: RON HERON Page 1 of 2 pages

SUBJECT: MATTERS OUT OF SESSION

MESSAGE:

John I hope we don't have to
do this all the time

Ron Heron ✓

If this transmission has not been successful in any way please ring (066) 203955

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AGREED YES

Ronald Heron.....(signature) ✓

NOT AGREED

.....(signature)

DATED

17-4-98.....

NAME (please print)

RONALD HERON.....

MARK

NEFA

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John Macgregor-Skinner,
State Forests of NSW, Fax 6662 5826.

16 April 1998

Re: Yabbra SF, Compartments 196 & 199

Dear John,

The conservation representatives do not approve the Harvesting Plan for compartments 196 and 199 Yabbra SF.

We do not consider that adequate measures have been taken to protect the conservation values of the area. We have not seen a proposed prescription for the Marbled Frogmouth.

The conservation representatives do not approve the logging of IDFA compartments at this stage.

It has not been demonstrated that there is no practicable non-IDFA compartments to log, and the outstanding issues tabled on the 17 March have not been adequately addressed.

Yours sincerely,

Georgia Beyer,

Daniel Hall,

for conservation representatives on the NESFHAB.