

Coastal IFOA Guidance – Management of wombat burrows outside of the Bare-nosed Wombat (Northern Population Management Area) map

Purpose

- This document provides guidance for the management of wombat burrows located outside of the **Bare-nosed Wombat (Northern Population Management Area)** map as referred to in Condition 74.1 (note) of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (Coastal IFOA). It is intended to assist decision-making when conducting and regulating **forestry operations** under the Coastal IFOA conditions¹ and protocols.²
- The aim of wombat burrow management in **forestry operations** is to minimise harm to active wombat burrows and prevent physical harm to any wombats that may be occupying those burrows.

Note: this guidance does not affect the legal requirements of the Coastal IFOA and its protocols. This guidance is not a substitute for the Coastal IFOA conditions and protocols and does not modify their terms or effect.

Terms used in this guidance document have the same meaning as defined in Coastal IFOA Protocol 39, ‘Definitions’. Defined terms are indicated by **bold and italicised** type.

Wombat burrow management

Prior to undertaking **forestry operations** (not including **road maintenance**) in **compartments** outside of the **Bare-nosed Wombat (Northern Population Management Area)** map area with known or likely wombat presence, the following should be conducted:

- A search for wombat burrows. The location of any wombat burrows detected should be mapped consistent with condition 117.4(a), (b) and (c) of the Coastal IFOA, recorded in the FCNSW map app, and should be marked with tape or paint prior to the commencement of **forestry operations** (not including **road maintenance**).
- A search for wombat pellets. Wombat pellets are a distinctive square shape and often located on an elevated object within the surrounding area, such as a grass tussock or earth mound. Wombat pellets indicate the likely presence of wombats and wombat burrows in the area.

The following measures should be implemented during **forestry operations** (not including **road maintenance**):

- Wombat burrows should be searched for prior to the construction or reopening of **roads, tracks or log dumps**. Where wombat burrows are identified, **roads, tracks or log dumps** should be repositioned or realigned to avoid impact and result in a better environmental outcome.
- The location of wombat burrows detected during **forestry operations** should be mapped consistent with condition 117.4(a), (b) and (c) of the Coastal IFOA, immediately recorded in the FCNSW map app, and should be clearly marked with tape or paint.
- **Forestry operations** should avoid damage to wombat burrows as far as practicable.

References

1. Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval – Conditions November 2018
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