

FORESTRY AND NATIONAL PARK ESTATE ACT 1998

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATIONS APPROVALS FOR EDEN, LOWER NORTH EAST AND UPPER NORTH EAST REGIONS

The Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals for the Eden Region, Upper North East Region and Lower North East Region are amended as set out Schedules 1 to 3 to this instrument.

This instrument commences on 1 December 2001.

Explanatory notes do not form part of this instrument. They are provided to assist understanding only.

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SCHEDULE 1 - AMENDMENTS TO THE INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATIONS APPROVAL FOR THE EDEN REGION

[1] Note after heading to clause 10 – Protection of rare old growth forest communities, rainforest and rare forest ecosystems

Add the following note after the heading to clause 10:

Note: Conditions 5.1, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of the terms of the licence under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 set out in Appendix B to this approval regulate forestry operations in the above forest types and rainforest exclusion zones in a similar way to this clause.

[2] Clause 10(13) Definitions of “routine road maintenance” and “road re-opening”

Omit the definitions of “road maintenance” and “road re-opening” appearing in clause 10(13) and replace with the following:

“routine road maintenance” means the clearing, scraping or treating of a revegetated road where all trees growing on the road have a diameter at breast height over bark of less than 20cm;

“road re-opening” means the clearing, scraping or treating of a revegetated road where any of the trees growing on the road have a diameter at breast height over bark of 20cm or more;

Explanatory Note

The above amendments ensure that the meaning of these expressions is consistent with the meaning given to them in the terms of the licence under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* set out in the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the Eden Region.

Identical amendments are made by this instrument to clause 10(14) of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals for the Lower North East and Upper North East Regions (Schedules 2 and 3).

[3] Clause 32 Bee-keeping restricted in certain zones

Omit the clause (other than heading). Insert instead:

Definitions

(1) In this clause:

“relevant regional manager” means the manager of the regional office of SFNSW that is responsible for managing the relevant land or a more senior officer; and

“relevantly zoned land” means any land in the Eden Region that is, or is within:

- (a) a special management zone (within the meaning of the *Forestry Act 1916*); or
- (b) an area classified as Forest Management Zone 2 or 3A in accordance with the Forest Management Zoning System.

Disturbance of vegetation for beekeeping purposes

(2) Vegetation on relevantly zoned land may not be disturbed for the sole purpose of beekeeping unless the disturbance is necessary to enable:

- (a) a beehive to be set down on a site;
 - (b) access to a beehive; or
 - (c) a beehive to be protected from the possibility of bushfire (but only if disturbance to enable such protection is authorised by a permit, granted under the *Forestry Act 1916*, to occupy land for the purposes of bee-farming).
- (3) Despite subclause (2), trees on relevantly zoned land that have a diameter at breast height over bark of more than 20 cm may not be cut down or removed for the sole purpose of beekeeping.

Note: Clause 39 sets out restrictions on road construction, road re-opening and routine road maintenance in special management zones and in Forest Management Zones 2 and 3A. Clause 39 applies to all ancillary road construction, road re-opening and routine road maintenance, including any such work that may be ancillary to beekeeping.

Requirement for SFNSW to map beehive set down sites and beehives restricted to mapped set down sites

Land that is relevantly zoned land on commencement of clause

(4) The following apply where land is relevantly zoned land on 1 November 2001:

- (a) SFNSW is to map any site within such land that it has determined may be used as a beehive set down site in the future.
- (b) SFNSW is to map such a site only where it is satisfied that it was used as a beehive set down site before 1 November 2001.
- (c) Any such map is to be prepared, and approved by the relevant regional manager, before 1 April 2002.
- (d) On or after 1 April 2002, no beehive may be set down within such land unless the site has been mapped, and the map approved by the relevant regional Manager, in accordance with this subclause.

Land that becomes relevantly zoned land after commencement of clause

(5) The following apply where land becomes relevantly zoned land after 1 November 2001:

- (a) SFNSW is to map any site within such land that it has determined may be used as a beehive set down site in the future.
- (b) SFNSW is to map such a site only where it is satisfied that before it became part of relevantly zoned land it was used as a beekeeping site.
- (c) Any such map is to be prepared, and approved by the relevant regional manager, within 12 months of the land becoming relevantly zoned land.
- (d) No beehive may be set down within such land from 12 months after it becomes relevantly zoned unless the site has been mapped, and the map approved by the relevant regional manager, in accordance with this subclause.

Note: Maps prepared under this clause are available for inspection and copying under clause 48.

Explanatory Note

The above amendment replaces controls applying to bee-keeping in special management zones and in areas classified as Forest Management Zone 2 or 3A. The new clause imposes restrictions on the disturbance of vegetation for bee-keeping purposes in special management zones and Forest Management Zones 2 and 3A. It also requires SFNSW to map sites within these zones that may be used as beekeeping set down sites.

Equivalent amendments are made by this instrument to the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals for the Lower North East and Upper North East Regions (Schedules 2 and 3).

[4] Clause 39(2) Routine road maintenance

Replace “road maintenance” in this subclause with “routine road maintenance”.

Explanatory Note

The above amendment and the following amendment are made as a consequence of amendments made to clause 10 by this instrument.

Identical amendments are made by this instrument to clause 39 of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals for the Lower North East and Upper North East Regions (Schedules 2 and 3).

[5] Clause 39(3) Routine road maintenance

Omit the subclause. Insert the following in its place:

(3) In this clause, “road re-opening” and “routine road maintenance” have the same meanings as in clause 10.

[6] Clause 48 Public availability of documents

Insert the following paragraph after clause 48(1)(i):

(ia) any map prepared, and approved by the relevant regional manager, in accordance with clause 32 of this approval;

Explanatory Note

The above amendment requires SFNSW to ensure that any person may inspect and copy any map of a site within a special management zone or Forest Management Zone 2 or 3A that it has determined may be used as a beehive set down site under the new clause 32.

Equivalent amendments are made by this instrument to clause 48 of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals for the Lower North East and Upper North East Regions (Schedules 2 and 3).

[7] **Appendix B Terms of licence under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995**

Definitions and Abbreviations

Omit the definitions of “road re-opening” and “routine road maintenance” appearing under the heading “**Definitions and Abbreviations**”. Insert the following definitions instead:

“Road re-opening” means the clearing, scraping or treating of a revegetated road where any of the trees growing on the road have a dbhob of 20cm or more.

“Routine road maintenance” means the clearing, scraping or treating of a revegetated road where all of the trees growing on the road have a dbhob of less than 20cm.

Explanatory Note

“Road re-opening” and “routine road maintenance” together cover all cases where a revegetated road is cleared, scraped or treated. These definitions have been amended to remove a minor typographical error and to cover a gap previously applying where any trees growing on the road have a diameter at breast height (dbhob) over bark of exactly 20 cm (and there are none having a dbhob of more than 20 cm).

Identical amendments are made by this instrument to the terms of the licences under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* set out in the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals for the Lower North East and Upper North East Regions (Schedules 2 and 3 to this instrument).