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Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004

ALLOCATION TO VICFORESTS ORDER 2004

I, John Thwaites, Minister for Environment, make the following Order:

Dated 29 July 2004

JOHN THWAITES

Minister for Environment

1. Title

This Order may be cited as the Allocation to VicForests Order 2004.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this Order are to:

- (a) allocate specified timber in State forests within certain Forest Management Areas to VicForests for the purposes of harvesting and selling, or harvesting or selling, timber resources;
- (b) permit VicForests to undertake associated management activities in relation to that allocated timber; and
- (c) specify the conditions to which VicForests is subject in carrying out its functions under this Order.

3. Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 13 of the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004**. This Order covers the period from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2019 and may be extended in accordance with the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004**.

4. Allocation to VicForests

VicForests is allocated timber in the forest stands described in Tables 1-3 of this Order and has access to those stands for the purposes of harvesting and selling timber resources. The map at Attachment 1 shows the Forest Management Areas in which the forest stands that can be accessed by VicForests under this Order are located.

These forest stands are made available to VicForests for timber harvesting to at least meet existing commitments under managed licences. The maximum area (in hectares) of each forest stand that can be harvested for timber in the 15-year time frame of this Order is divided into three 5-year periods. Forest stands not harvested in the 5-year period identified in Tables 1-3 may be harvested in a subsequent 5-year period, unless a review of this Order specifies otherwise.

Table 1 sets out the maximum area that can be harvested in the first five-year period, Table 2 sets out the maximum area that can be harvested in the second five-year period and Table 3 sets out the maximum area that can be harvested in the third five-year period.

VicForests is also allocated timber in the forest stands described in tables 4-6 of this Order and has access to those stands for the purposes of thinning and selling timber resources. The map at Attachment 1 shows the Forest Management Areas in which the forest stands that can be accessed by VicForests under this Order are located.

The maximum area (in hectares) of each forest stand that can be thinned in the 15-year time frame of this Order is divided into three 5-year periods.

Table 4 sets out the maximum area that can be thinned in the first five-year period, Table 5 sets out the maximum area that can be thinned in the second five-year period and Table 6 sets out the maximum area that can be thinned in the third five-year period.

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Timber allocated under this Order excludes the pulpwood obtained from forest stands which is required to meet supply commitments specified in the **Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act 1996**.

5. Authorised activities

In accordance with section 15(1)(b) of the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004**, VicForests is permitted to harvest and sell, or harvest or sell timber resources in accordance with this Order and is permitted to undertake associated management activities on coupes described in any Timber Release Plan approved by the Secretary in relation to that allocated timber, including:

- preparation of sites for timber harvesting
- construction of access roads to coupes
- site rehabilitation
- forest regeneration

VicForests is permitted to undertake these activities until timber harvesting operations are completed, and the coupes are adequately rehabilitated and regenerated. Rehabilitation and regeneration will be in accordance with the conditions and standards specified in section 6 of this Order.

VicForests is permitted to collect seed from any allocated forest stand for the purpose of regenerating coupes harvested in accordance with this Order. VicForests is permitted to construct fire trails on State forest within the vicinity of the coupe boundary for fire management purposes associated with the regeneration of harvested coupes to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

6. Specified conditions

In accordance with section 15(1)(c) of the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004**, in undertaking authorised activities VicForests is required to comply with the conditions and standards in the following documents as amended from time to time:

- *The Code of Forest Practices for Timber Production, Revision No. 2, 1996*. Department of Natural Resources and Environment.
- *The Code of Practice for Fire Management on Public Land, 1995*. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- Management Guidelines as specified in Forest Management Plans published by the Department of Sustainability and Environment or its predecessors, relevant to the Forest Management Areas to which this Order applies.
- *The Management Procedures for Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities in State forests in Victoria, 2004*. Department of Sustainability and Environment.
- *The Utilisation Procedures for all Commercial Harvesting in State forests in Victoria, 2001*. Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Table 1 – Timber Resource Allocation Period 1		Extent and Location of forest stands to which VicForests has access							
Forest stands	*Total available area of forest stands at 1-8-2004	Benalla-Mansfield	North East	Central	Dandenong	Central Gippsland	Tambo	East Gippsland	
High elevation ash, pre-1920	200	120							
High elevation ash, 1920s	760	130							
High elevation ash, 1930s	980	100							
Low elevation ash, pre-1920	190	10							
Low elevation ash, 1920s	350	40							
Low elevation ash, 1930s	660	50							
High elevation mixed species, pre-1920	6,740	270							
Low elevation mixed species, pre-1920	10,520	210							
Ash, pre-1920	6,090		1,010						
Ash, post-1920	4,100		380						
Ash Mixture	6,810		80						
High Quality Mixed species	13,510		160						
Low Quality Mixed species	1,280		180						
Alpine Ash - Mature	690					40			
Alpine Ash - 1920s	140					10			
Alpine Ash - 1930s	15,710			950		300			
Alpine Ash - 1940s	210					10			
Alpine Ash - 1950s	1,590					80			
Alpine Ash - 1960s	1,670					80			
Mountain Ash - Mature	320					50			
Mountain Ash - 1930s Low	170				20				
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1930s	28,040			1,380	900	1,710			
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1940s	950					200			
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1950s	100					10			
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1960s	60					10			
Mixed Species - Mature	14,390			400		2,580			
Mixed Species - 1930s	18,670			350	180	730			
Mixed Species - 1940s	640					80			
Mixed Species - 1960s	30					10			
Mixed Species - 1970s	5,810					130			
Low quality Mixed species - Mature	3,760			200					
Low quality mixed species - 1930s	8,910			190					
Alpine Ash - Unevenaged	470						300	20	
Alpine Ash - Mature/over-mature	6,420						1,330	100	
Alpine Ash - 1930s	2,390						110	10	
Mountain Ash - Unevenaged	60						50		
Mountain Ash - Mature	570						70		
Mountain Ash - 1930s	540						60		
Ash - Unevenaged	30							10	
Ash - Mature	640							90	
Alpine mixed species - Unevenaged	1,560						20	40	
Alpine mixed species - Mature	10,120						90	270	
Coastal mixed species - Unevenaged	3,170						50	250	
Coastal mixed species - Mature	7,080						110	430	
Mountain mixed species - Unevenaged	3,760						120	440	
Mountain mixed species - Mature	15,570						370	1,390	
Foothill mixed species - Unevenaged	32,220						120	4,020	
Foothill mixed species - Mature	85,370						1,160	4,730	

*The total available area for each forest stand is extended to include any coupe identified on an existing Wood Utilisation Plan approved (category 1, 2, 2a or 2b) by the Secretary before the commencement of this Order.

Table 2 – Timber Resource Allocation Period 2		Extent and Location of forest stands to which VicForests has access							
Forest stands	*Total Available area of forest stands at 1-8-2004	Benalla- Mansfield	North East	Central	Dandenong	Central Gippsland	Tambo	East Gippsland	
High elevation ash, pre-1920	200	30							
High elevation ash, 1920s	760	180							
High elevation ash, 1930s	980								
Low elevation ash, pre-1920	190	90							
Low elevation ash, 1920s	350	10							
Low elevation ash, 1930s	660								
High elevation mixed species, pre-1920	6,740	290							
Low elevation mixed species, pre-1920	10,520	110							
Ash, pre-1920	6,090		890						
Ash, post-1920	4,100		40						
Ash Mixture	6,810		200						
High Quality Mixed species	13,510		250						
Low Quality Mixed species	1,280		10						
Alpine Ash - Mature	690					40			
Alpine Ash - 1920s	140					10			
Alpine Ash - 1930s	15,710			870		290			
Alpine Ash - 1940s	210					10			
Alpine Ash - 1950s	1,590					80			
Alpine Ash - 1960s	1,670					80			
Mountain Ash - Mature	320					30			
Mountain Ash - 1930s Low	170				20				
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1930s	28,040			1,250	790	1,080			
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1940s	950					130			
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1950s	100					10			
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1960s	60					10			
Mixed Species - Mature	14,390			400		1,410			
Mixed Species - 1930s	18,670			350	150	410			
Mixed Species - 1940s	640					50			
Mixed Species - 1960s	30					10			
Mixed Species - 1970s	5,810					100			
Low quality mixed species - Mature	3,760			200					
Low quality mixed species - 1930s	8,910			200					
Alpine Ash - Unevenaged	470						60	20	
Alpine Ash - Mature/ over-mature	6,420						1,650	100	
Alpine Ash - 1930s	2,390								
Mountain Ash - Unevenaged	60						10		
Mountain Ash - Mature	570						150		
Mountain Ash - 1930s	540								
Ash - Unevenaged	30								
Ash - Mature	640							100	
Alpine mixed species - Unevenaged	1,560						100	40	
Alpine mixed species - Mature	10,120						290	270	
Coastal mixed species - Unevenaged	3,170						50	250	
Coastal mixed species - Mature	7,080						60	430	
Mountain mixed species - Unevenaged	3,760						280	440	
Mountain mixed species - Mature	15,570						180	1,390	
Foothill mixed species - Unevenaged	32,220						480	4,020	
Foothill mixed species - Mature	85,370						1,150	4,730	

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Table 3 – Timber Resource Allocation Period 3		Extent and Location of forest stands to which VicForests has access										
Forest stands	*Total Available area of forest stands at 1-8-2004	Benalla-Mansfield		North East		Central	Dandenong	Central Gippsland		Tambo	East Gippsland	
		Benalla-Mansfield	North East	Central	Dandenong	Central Gippsland	Tambo	East Gippsland				
High elevation ash, pre-1920	200	10										
High elevation ash, 1920s	760	50										
High elevation ash, 1930s	980	160										
Low elevation ash, pre-1920	190	10										
Low elevation ash, 1920s	350	30										
Low elevation ash, 1930s	660	70										
High elevation mixed species, pre-1920	6,740	280										
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Ash, pre-1920	6,090		470									
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Ash Mixture	6,810		210									
High Quality Mixed species	13,510		250									
Low Quality Mixed species	1,280											
Alpine Ash - Mature	690							30				
Alpine Ash - 1920s	140							10				
Alpine Ash - 1930s	15,710			790				250				
Alpine Ash - 1940s	210							10				
Alpine Ash - 1950s	1,590							60				
Alpine Ash - 1960s	1,670							70				
Mountain Ash - Mature	320							30				
Mountain Ash - 1930s Low	170						20					
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1930s	28,040			1,140		710		1,010				
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1940s	950							120				
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1950s	100							10				
Mountain Ash/Shining Gum - 1960s	60							10				
Mixed Species - Mature	14,390			160				1,180				
Mixed Species - 1930s	18,670			590		130		350				
Mixed Species - 1940s	640							40				
Mixed Species - 1960s	30							10				
Mixed Species - 1970s	5,810							110				
Low quality mixed species - Mature	3,760					200						
Low quality mixed species - 1930s	8,910					200						
Alpine Ash - Unevenaged	470									60		
Alpine Ash - Mature/ over-mature	6,420									1,650	130	
Alpine Ash - 1930s	2,390											
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Alpine mixed species - Unevenaged	1,560									100	40	
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Coastal mixed species - Unevenaged	3,170									50	250	
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Mountain mixed species - Unevenaged	3,760									280	440	
Mountain mixed species - Mature	15,570									180	1,390	
Foothill mixed species - Unevenaged	32,220									480	4,020	
Foothill mixed species - Mature	85,370									1,150	4,730	

*The total available area for each forest stand is extended to include any coupe identified on an existing Wood Utilisation Plan approved (category 1, 2, 2a or 2b) by the Secretary before the commencement of this Order.

Table 4 - Timber Resource Allocation Thinning in Period 1		Extent and Location of forest stands to which VicForests has access								
Forest stands	*Total available area of forest stands at 1-8-2004	Benalla-Mansfield	North East	Central	Dandenong	Central Gippsland	Tambo	East Gippsland		
Ash	9,490	0	0	1,100	0	0	500	1,000		
Mixed species	25,870	0	0	200	0	0	500	8,480		

*The total available area for each forest stand is extended to include any thinning coupe identified on an existing Wood Utilisation Plan approved (category 1, 2, 2a or 2b) by the Secretary before the commencement of this Order. Further work is being undertaken to identify the full extent of stands available for thinning.

Table 5 - Timber Resource Allocation Thinning in Period 2		Extent and Location of forest stands to which VicForests has access								
Forest stands	*Total available area of forest stands at 1-8-2004	Benalla-Mansfield	North East	Central	Dandenong	Central Gippsland	Tambo	East Gippsland		
Ash	9,490	150	0	1,400	550	350	600	390		
Mixed species	25,870	70	0	850	0	900	400	6,120		

*The total available area for each forest stand is extended to include any thinning coupe identified on an existing Wood Utilisation Plan approved (category 1, 2, 2a or 2b) by the Secretary before the commencement of this Order. Further work is being undertaken to identify the full extent of stands available for thinning.

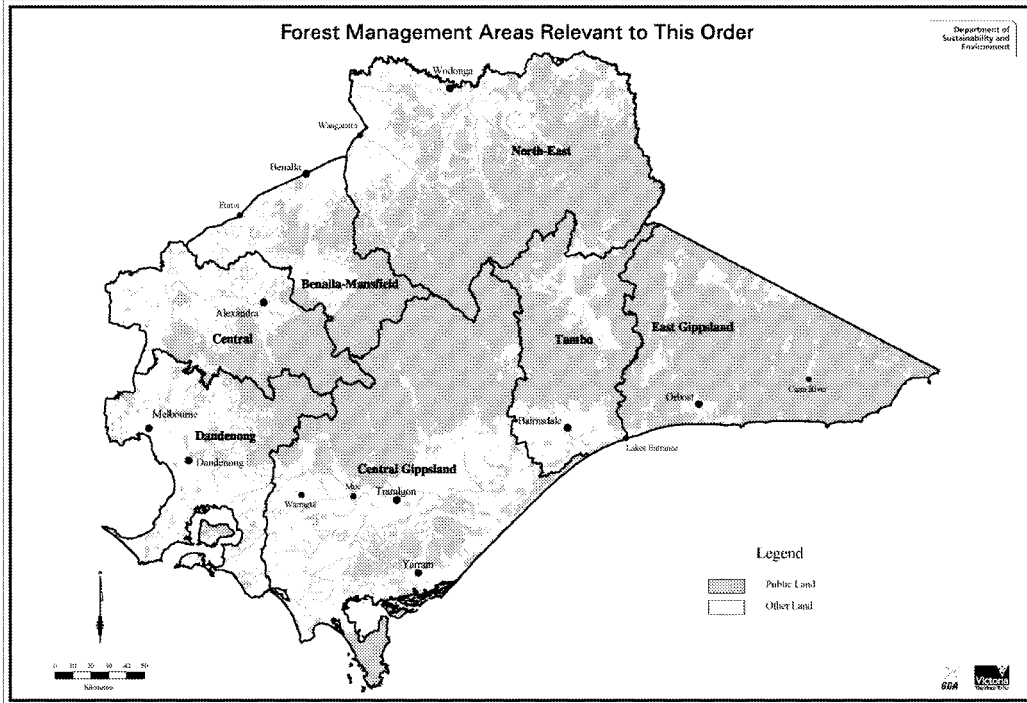
Table 6 - Timber Resource Allocation Thinning in Period 3		Extent and Location of forest stands to which VicForests has access								
Forest stands	*Total available area of forest stands at 1-8-2004	Benalla-Mansfield	North East	Central	Dandenong	Central Gippsland	Tambo	East Gippsland		
Ash	9,490	200	0	1,340	560	450	600	300		
Mixed species	25,870	110	350	720	230	760	280	5,880		

*The total available area for each forest stand is extended to include any thinning coupe identified on an existing Wood Utilisation Plan approved (category 1, 2, 2a or 2b) by the Secretary before the commencement of this Order. Further work is being undertaken to identify the full extent of stands available for thinning.

Notes to Tables 1-6:

1. The process and assumptions used to define the forest stands in this Order are included in the Sustainable Timber Resource Plan (STRP) prepared by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).
2. Area figures are rounded to the nearest 10 hectares.

Attachment 1



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