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Safety on Public Land Act 2004

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES

I, Janine Haddow, Executive Director of Parks and Forests, as delegate of the Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, make the following declaration of public safety zones under section 4(1) of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**.

Areas:

The areas of State Forest contained within the following location coordinates corresponding to each row of Column 1 of the Table in the Schedule to this Declaration are declared to be public safety zones. The public safety zones are limited to but include all areas that contain State forest within an area identified by the coordinates in the Schedule.

The coordinates in Column 1 are provided in Map Grid of Australia (MGA) Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) zone number 55. These use the Geodetic Reference System 1980 (GRS80) spheroid.

Purpose:

The purpose for which the areas have been declared public safety zones is for the purpose of timber harvesting operations.

Period of the declaration:

The period for which these areas are public safety zones is the period from the date of gazettal of this declaration to 30 June 2006 inclusive.

Periods when access is restricted/prohibited:

Access to the public safety zones is prohibited at all times.

Activities permitted, prohibited or restricted:

Within a public safety zone a person shall not undertake any activity that interferes with the activities of a person to whom an exemption under this Declaration or section 9 of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** applies.

Further restrictions or conditions (if any):

There are no further restrictions or conditions applying to the public safety zones.

Exempt persons or classes of person

Pursuant to section 5(2) of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** the following persons or classes of person are exempted from the operation of this public safety zone declaration:

1. Persons undertaking timber harvesting operations which are authorised operations within the meaning of section 45 of the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004** including:
 - VicForests and its employees, agents and contractors;
 - persons who have an agreement with VicForests to harvest or sell timber resources and their employees, agents and contractors;
 - holders of licences or permits under section 52 of the **Forests Act 1958** and their employees, agents and contractors.
2. Persons undertaking timber harvesting operations in accordance with an approved Plan of Utilization as defined in the **Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act 1996**.
3. Holders of licences or permits under section 52 of the **Forests Act 1958** granted by the Secretary to thin, cut and remove timber, to cut forest produce specified in the licence, to dig forest produce specified in the licence or to take away forest produce specified in the licence and their employees, agents and contractors.

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4. Employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Sustainability and Environment engaged in carrying out their functions.
5. Employees, agents and contractors of the Country Fire Authority, WorkSafe, Environment Protection Authority and the State Emergency Services engaged in carrying out their functions.
6. Members of the police force of Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions.
7. Persons appointed as environmental auditors under the **Environment Protection Act 1970** and their agents in carrying out their functions as forestry auditors.
8. Persons who have been selected by the Environment Protection Authority to act as audit observers and who are participating in this activity exclusively. Audit observers must be in the company of an EPA employee or an environmental auditor appointed under the **Environment Protection Act 1970** and their agents in carrying out their functions as forestry auditors.
9. Holders of leases, licences, permits or other authorities (and associated employees, agents and contractors) under the **Mineral Resources Development Act 1990**, **Extractive Industries Development Act 1995** and **Petroleum Act 1998**, other than holders of miners' rights and tourist fossicking authorities under the **Mineral Resources Development Act 1990**, whilst undertaking works associated with that lease, licence, permit or authority in the areas covered by the declaration provided that:
 - (a) those works do not interfere with or hinder timber harvesting operations;
 - (b) those classes of person have made prior arrangements with the forest manager to be in the area for the purpose of undertaking those works;
 - (c) those classes of person abide by the Occupational, Health & Safety requirements established by the Department of Sustainability and Environment, VicForests or the contractor in charge of the site.

Dated 7 February 2006

JANINE HADDOW
Executive Director
Parks and Forests as delegate of the Secretary
of the Department of Sustainability and Environment

Schedule: Public Safety Zones

Extent of Zone				Forest Management Area	District	Coupe Number	MGA zone
592498	5887719	593000	5888396	East Gippsland	Nowa Nowa	817-501-0002	55
663673	5867439	664366	5868020	East Gippsland	Orbost	837-501-0003	55
663056	5865825	663880	5867005	East Gippsland	Orbost	837-501-0009	55
664869	5868905	665852	5869658	East Gippsland	Orbost	837-502-0009	55
665029	5870029	665921	5870719	East Gippsland	Orbost	837-502-0010	55
666461	5854055	667441	5855100	East Gippsland	Orbost	838-502-0017	55
667317	5853851	668164	5854375	East Gippsland	Orbost	838-502-0020	55
667260	5853895	668327	5854951	East Gippsland	Orbost	838-502-0022	55
658267	5874987	659201	5875782	East Gippsland	Bendoc	840-501-0009	55
660005	5873243	660906	5873715	East Gippsland	Bendoc	840-501-0028	55
643868	5871748	644138	5873074	East Gippsland	Orbost	846-502-00RC	55
680657	5833641	681524	5834359	East Gippsland	Cann River	864-503-0001	55
679756	5833724	680579	5833953	East Gippsland	Cann River	864-503-0002	55
679303	5835692	680222	5836729	East Gippsland	Cann River	864-505-0002	55
679162	5828223	680510	5829535	East Gippsland	Cann River	866-504-0005	55
674856	5823772	675725	5824821	East Gippsland	Cann River	866-506-0001	55
669249	5835866	670384	5837562	East Gippsland	Cann River	867-509-0008	55
675362	5840889	676320	5841585	East Gippsland	Cann River	868-504-0019	55
666945	5880483	667677	5881065	East Gippsland	Bendoc	892-503-0006	55
666885	5880521	667419	5881638	East Gippsland	Bendoc	892-503-0007	55
667855	5878700	668406	5879446	East Gippsland	Bendoc	892-505-0005	55
674616	5883083	675375	5883828	East Gippsland	Bendoc	892-517-0006	55
674903	5882583	675619	5883540	East Gippsland	Bendoc	892-518-0005	55
675058	5885112	675698	5885858	East Gippsland	Bendoc	892-520-0003	55
676946	5885783	677259	5886398	East Gippsland	Bendoc	892-520-0007	55
657529	5880314	658218	5880917	East Gippsland	Bendoc	893-503-0012	55
654348	5886114	655524	5886570	East Gippsland	Bendoc	893-510-0008	55

Notes:

1. A map showing the public safety zones is held at Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) Regional Office at Traralgon. The map is also available at the DSE web site <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au>
 2. In addition to the above persons or classes of person exempted under section 5(2), section 9 of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** provides that a public safety zone declaration does not apply to the following:
 - the Secretary;
 - an authorised officer;
 - a utility engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;
 - a transport authority engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;
 - a person or class of person authorised under section 10 to be in the public safety zone.
 3. The extent of each public safety zone is described by the minimum planimetric extent using a north–south orientated rectangle that encloses the area bound by:
 - (a) the south-west limit described by the first two metric coordinates (Easting and Northing) in each row; and
 - (b) the north-east limit described by the next two metric coordinates (Easting and Northing) in each row.
 4. Additional information describing Forest Management Area, District, Coupe Number and MGA Zone is provided in columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 to assist in locating individual public safety zones.
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