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## Safety on Public Land Act 2004

### DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES

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Dated 8 January 2010

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- (h) employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of Networked Emergency Organisation partners engaged by the Department of Sustainability and Environment or the Country Fire Authority to carry out their functions;
- (i) employees, agents and contractors of Water Authorities engaged in carrying out their functions;
- (j) members of the public using State forest roads as the most practical access to and from private properties surrounding State forest.

Dated 8 January 2010

PETER APPLEFORD  
Executive Director Forests and Parks  
as delegate of the Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment

Notes:

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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:
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  - an authorised officer;
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**Safety on Public Land Act 2004**

## DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES

I, Peter Appleford, Executive Director Forests and Parks, as delegate of the Secretary to 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**.

**1. Definitions**

In this declaration:

- (a) 'the Act' means the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**;
- (b) 'the declared public safety zone' means the area declared under clause 2 of this declaration;
- (c) 'the Schedule' means the Schedule to this declaration; and
- (d) 'Code Red (Catastrophic) Fire Danger Rating' means a forecast rating announced by the Bureau of Meteorology that represents the fire danger index predicted for a specific area.

**2. Declaration of Public Safety Zones**

All areas of State forest within the Western Bureau of Meteorology Forecast District are declared to be public safety zones.

**3. Purpose for which the area has been declared**

The purpose for which the declared public safety zones have been declared is for the maintenance of public safety.

**4. Period of the declaration**

The period for which the declared public safety zones are declared is the period commencing from 8 January 2010 and ending on 30 June 2010 inclusive.

**5. Activities prohibited**

- (a) The activities that are prohibited in the declared public safety zones are:
  - (i) knowingly entering a declared public safety zone during a period where access is prohibited; and
  - (ii) knowingly remaining in or being present in a declared public safety zone during a period where access is prohibited.

**6. Periods when access is prohibited**

The times during which access to the declared public safety zone is prohibited are the times where a Code Red (Catastrophic) Fire Danger Rating applies.

**7. Exempt persons or classes of person**

Pursuant to section 5(2) of the Act, the following persons or classes of person are exempt from the operation of this declaration:

- (a) employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Sustainability and Environment engaged in carrying out their functions;
- (b) employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of the Country Fire Authority engaged in carrying out their functions;
- (c) employees, agents and contractors of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board, Ambulance Victoria, WorkSafe and Environment Protection Authority engaged in carrying out their functions;
- (d) members of the police force of Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions;
- (e) employees, agents and contractors of the Local Government Areas engaged in carrying out their functions;
- (f) employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Human Services engaged in carrying out their functions;

- (g) employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of Emergency Management Services engaged by the Department of Sustainability and Environment or the Country Fire Authority to carry out emergency management functions;
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