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Safety on Public Land Act 2004

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES

I, Geoffrey Conway, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Gippsland Region, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, 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 zones' means the area declared under clause 2 of this declaration:

2. Declaration of Public Safety Zones

The following areas of State forest are declared to be public safety zones:

- (a) All areas of State forest contained within 500 metres of the location coordinates described in Schedule 1 to this declaration; and
- (b) All areas of State forest described in Schedule 2 of this declaration, indicated by the shaded areas on the maps in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

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 19 June 2021 and ending on 2 July 2021 inclusive.

5. Activities prohibited

The activities that are prohibited in the declared public safety zones are:

- (a) Knowingly entering a declared public safety zone during a period when access is prohibited; and
- (b) Knowingly remaining in or being present in a declared public safety zone during a period when access is prohibited.

6. Periods when access is prohibited

Access is prohibited to the declared public safety zone throughout the period of the declaration.

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 Environment, Land Water and Planning 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 Fire Rescue Victoria, Ambulance Victoria, WorkSafe Victoria and Environment Protection Authority Victoria 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 Health engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (g) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of an Emergency Management Services engaged by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or the Country Fire Authority to carry out an emergency management functions.
- (h) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of Networked Emergency Organisation partners engaged by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning 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) Employees, agents and contractors of VicForests engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (k) Members of the public using State forest roads as the most practical access to and from private properties surrounding State forest.
- (l) Employees, agents and contractors engaged in accessing and carrying out functions within a prescribed mine, as defined by regulation 5.3.3 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, where both an approved work plan, as defined by section 40 of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Act 1990), and an Emergency plan, prepared in accordance with regulation 5.3.34 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, are in place which address the risk of bushfires.

Dated 18 June 2021

GEOFFREY CONWAY
Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Gippsland Region,
as delegate of the Secretary of the
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Notes:

- 1. A map showing the public safety zone is held at the Traralgon office and at the Department's head office at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002. The map is also available on the following web site: www.ffm.vic.gov. au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests
- 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 of the Safety on Public Land Act 2004 to be in the public safety zone.

Schedule 1: Public Safety Zones (within 500 metres)

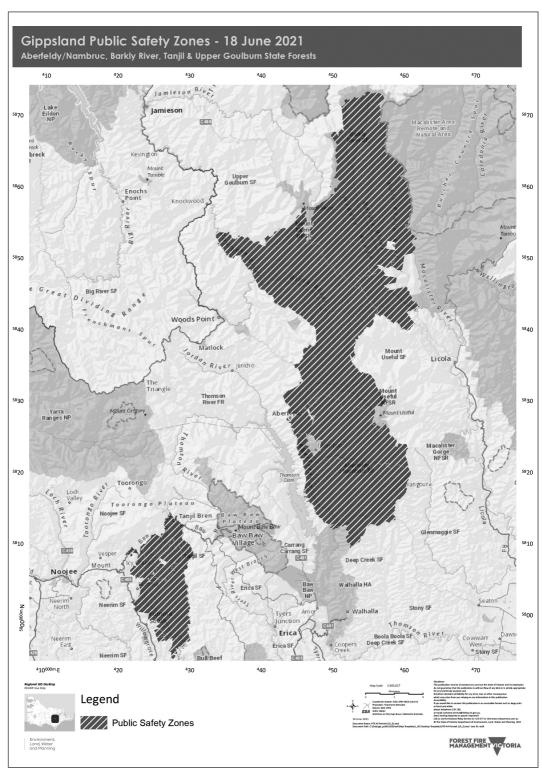
Name	Latitude (Decimal Degrees)	Longitude (Decimal Degrees)
Bruntons Bridge Campground	-37.99804	146.47291
Cheynes Bridge Campground	-37.76235	146.66855
Coopers Creek Campgrounds and Day Visitor Areas	-37.98097	146.42497
Erica Mountain Bike Park	-37.97008	146.38342
Horseshoe Bend Tunnel Walking Track	-37.97433	146.42212
Huggetts Crossing Campground	-37.81053	146.85425
Loch Valley Tramway Walk	-37.88296	145.99672
Steel Bridge Walking Track	-37.94547	146.41953
Wirilda Walking Track	-38.10734	146.41961
Wombat Crossing Campgrounds	-37.80262	146.92589

Schedule 2: Public Safety Zones

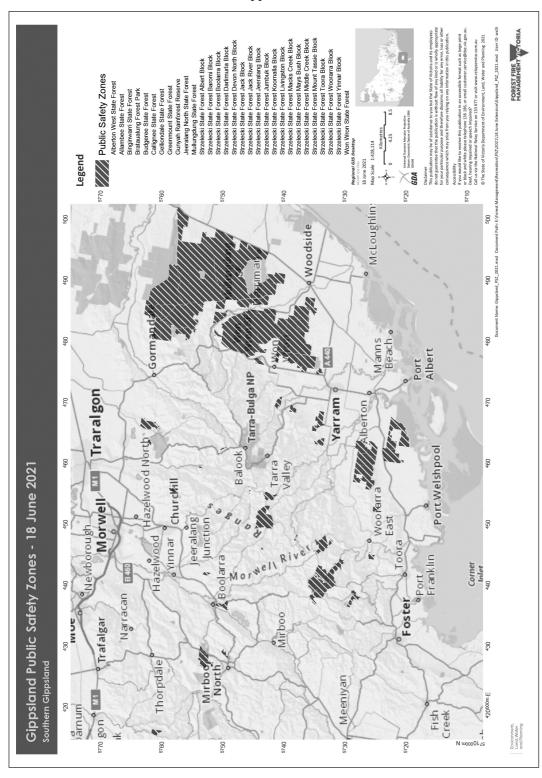
Name	Portions included in the public safety zone
Aberfeldy / Nambruc State Forest	All
Alberton West State Forest	All
Allambee State Forest	All
Barkly River State Forest	All
Binginwarri State Forest	All
Brataualung Forest Park	All
Budgeree State Forest	All
Callignee State Forest	All
Gelliondale State Forest	All
Greenmount State Forest	All
Gunyah Rainforest Reserve	All
Jeeralang North State Forest	All
Mullungdung State Forest	All
Strzelecki State Forest Albert Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Baromi Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Boolarra Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Darlimurla Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Devon North Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Jack Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Jack River Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Jeeralang Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Jumbuk Block	All

Name	Portions included in the public safety zone
Strzelecki State Forest Koornalla Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Livingston Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Macks Creek Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Mays Bush Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Middle Creek Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Mount Tassie Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Toora Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Woorarra Block	All
Strzelecki State Forest Yinnar Block	All
Tanjil State Forest	Areas west of Tanjil River East Branch, south of Mt Baw Baw Tourist Rd, and north of Rowleys Ridge Rd
Upper Goulburn State Forest	Areas within the Forest Fire Management Victoria Macalister District – south of Mt Skene and Snake Ck, east of Goulburn River and Champion Spur Tk
Won Wron State Forest	All

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



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