

FORESTRY

1. Coupes GC052A, GC053A, GC053B adjacent to western boundary of Mt. Pearson State Reserve near St. Helens

The report “Conservation of Tasmanian Plant Species and Communities Threatened by *Phytophthora cinnamomi*” (Schahninger, Rudman, Wardlaw, Nature Conservation Branch Technical Report, March 2003) identified Mt. Pearson State Reserve as priority for *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (PC) management. Roding into GC052A, GC053A and GC053B opened up access to the previously inaccessible western boundary of the reserve. This road has been left open to the general public for the past four years since harvesting was undertaken allowing easy access for woodcutters, shooters, off-road vehicles, trail bikes, etc.

Despite the fact that none of these coupes had been logged before only some of the old-growth *Eucalyptus sieberi* forest was protected and that only after it was discovered by concerned local community members that the Forest Practices Officers had failed to identify the old growth *E. sieberi* in the coupes. No protection for old growth *E. amygdalina* forest.

Sawlog to woodchip ratio:

GC052A 2% : 98%
GC053A 6% : 94%
GC053B 3.5% : 96.5%

Attachment 1: Letters

2. UR084A (near St. Helens)

Forest Practices Plan (FPP) that failed to identify old growth *Eucalyptus sieberi* forest. FPP by Gunns expired 26/05/2006. Now proposed for harvesting 2009/2010. Note that sometimes roding FPPs are approved separately to harvesting FPPs. This means uncontrolled access can be built into PC free areas before logging commences. Currently UR084A is PC free but there is no chance of restricting access to this coupe once roding is done.

Attachment 2: Photos, letters, Special Values Report

3. GC148A (Goshen)

Important coupe for threatened species habitat as Bornemisszas and Simons Stag Beetle co-occur. Forest Practices Plan recommendations from Forest Practices Authority changed on economic grounds after complaint from Forestry Tasmania. Access to coupe not closed off as recommended by FPA to reduce risk of PC infection. Currently under investigation by the Federal Government.

Prominent scientists Dr. Peter McQuillan and Dr. George Bornemissza opposed the logging of this coupe.

Attachment 3: Forestry Report, Special Values Report



4. GC104A (eastern side of Blue Tier)

Prime Simsons Stag Beetle habitat clearfelled.

Attachment 4: Report by Peter McQuillan, Special Values Report



5. GC115B (eastern side of Blue Tier)

Prime Simsons Stag Beetle habitat. Proposed to be logged in 2008.

No attachment



6. GC139B (southern side of Blue Tier)

Old growth *Eucalyptus regnans* and Simsons Stag Beetle habitat. Proposed to be logged. Not yet scheduled.

Attachment 6: Special Values Report

7. GC145A (Lottah)

Known Simsons Stag Beetle habitat. Proposed to be clearfelled in March 2009.

Attachment 7: Special Values Report

8. GL208C (near Gladstone)

Old growth *Eucalyptus amygdalina*, under-reserved in the Flinders bioregion. Proposed for logging January 2009. Likely 95% woodchip.

Attachment 8: Special Values Report

9. GL208A (near Gladstone)

As above. Scheduled for 2008/2009.

Attachment 9: Special Values Report

10. GC207B (The Gardens)

Prime Swift Parrot nesting habitat (old growth *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest and *E. obliqua* with hollows) logged in 2005. Swift Parrots recorded in coupe in the following year by Matt Webb (Nature Conservation Branch).

Attachment 10: Letters, Forest Practices Assessment

11. ELO34A (St. Marys)

Swift Parrot habitat logged. Matt Webb (Nature Conservation Branch) discovered Swift Parrots breeding in the area after logging had taken place.

50% of the coupe was logged because the coupe constituted more than 5% of the catchment of Margisons Creek. The rest of the coupe may still be logged in future.

Attachment 11: Letter

12. URO20D (Pyengana)

High conservation value coupe proposed to be logged in near future.

Attachment 12: Special Values Reports

ISSUES

- Lack of expertise of Forest Practices Officers (e.g. failure to identify protected forest types)
- Logging of old growth and high conservation value forest
- Loss of critical habitat e.g. hollows as well as no identification of critical habitat for protection
- Appalling practices in relation to *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (*PC*) management. In particular creation of access into *PC* free areas that are then left open after operations. All *PC* free areas should be off-limits to logging. *PC* is listed as a key threatening process in Schedule 3 of the EPBC Act.
- Destruction of threatened species habitat e.g. Swift Parrot, Simons Stag Beetle, Masked Owl, Spotted-Tailed Quoll
- No evidence of landscape-scale ecologically based planning but rather a coupe-by-coupe approach
- Prescriptions for protection of threatened species are inadequate e.g. Masked Owl (see GC207B)

Attachment to issues: map, extracts from Annual Report on Forest Practices 2005-06