

## **Framework for consideration of coupes within SPIBAs in Huon District for 2009/10 and 2010/11.**

### **Background:**

In July 2009, Forestry Tasmania (FT) submitted a *draft Interim Three-year plan for swift parrot on State forest in the Southern Forests and on South Bruny Island* to the Forest Practices Authority (FPA) and the Department of Primary Industries, Parks and Water and the Environment (DPIPWE). The plan was designed to provide for the conservation management of swift parrot on State forests in Forestry Tasmania's Huon District, as well as providing some planning certainty for the forest industry over the coming three years. In the mean time, an on-going process of strategic plan development by DPIPWE is under way for swift parrots on all tenures.

In considering the draft plan, the regulating agencies (FPA and DPIPWE) were subsequently provided with an assessment of risk to swift parrot conservation in adopting the FT interim three-year strategic plan (Attachment 1). After due consideration, both agencies indicated that they were unable to endorse the plan for three years, primarily because of their need to respond to new information being gathered under a major swift parrot research project, and for its potential inclusion in the overall strategic plan for swift parrots, to be developed by DPIPWE by 2012. In the meantime, FPA is currently developing an interim species habitat guideline for swift parrots for areas regulated under the forest practices system but this is not expected to be implemented at least until reviewed by the Forest Practices Advisory Council. There is a current urgent need for interim planning processes to provide a degree of planning certainty for FT District staff, especially for the Huon District.

FPA and DPIPWE indicated that their consideration of coupes in year 3 of the plan would need to be deferred until these coupes could be formally assessed under the strategic swift parrot planning documents being developed by DPIPWE and FPA.

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Two coupes planned for 2010/11 (HP009C, KD018C) contain mostly blue gum forest and were not considered to be compliant with current knowledge of swift parrot conservation requirements.

FPA and DPIPWE acknowledged that the remaining 8 coupes in years 1 and 2 of the draft interim three-year plan pose little risk to swift parrot conservation and can proceed in accordance with the strategic prescriptions indicated in FT's risk assessment. These coupes are listed in Table 1.

Table 2 lists the 14 coupes identified in the risk assessment, which are outside the 2008 SPIBAs described in the draft interim three year plan but are within the 2009 SPIBAs being developed by the FPA. The FPA has indicated that these latter coupes can proceed under the normal process of Forest Practices Plan preparation and approval.

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Table 1. Coupes within the draft interim three-year plan that have been strategically assessed as compliant with swift parrot conservation requirements, in accordance with the prescriptions for swift parrot habitat retention listed below.

<b>SPIBA</b>	<b>YEAR- CUT</b>	<b>Coupe</b>	<b>Swift parrot habitat prescription</b>
Leithbridge Hill / Scotts Divide	2010/11	FN032B	Not required
Kermandie Divide / Storm Hill	2010/11	HP011F	Excise mature eucalypt component (3 ha).
Tylers / Burns / Sawyers Hills	2009/10	SO032B	Retain 20-30% of coupe, with a focus on mature eucalypt retention.
Tylers / Burns / Sawyers Hills	2010/11	HA002B	Not required.
Tylers / Burns / Sawyers Hills	2010/11	HP023F	Retain 20-30% of coupe, with a focus on blue gum retention.
Tylers / Burns / Sawyers Hills	2010/11	SO036B	Retain 20-30% of coupe, with a focus on blue gum and mature eucalypt retention.
South Bruny	2010/11	SB040A	Excise mature eucalypt component (2 ha)
South Bruny	2009/10	SB018C	Not required.

Table 2. Coupes outside the 2008 SPIBAs identified in the draft interim three-year plan but within the 2009 Southern Forest SPIBA (under development). These coupes have been strategically assessed as compliant with current swift parrot conservation requirements.

<b>SPIBA</b>	<b>YEAR- CUT</b>	<b>Coupe</b>
Outside	2009/10	AR085F
Outside	2011/12	AR085I
Outside	2010/11	FN025D
Outside	2011/12	AR016B
Outside	2010/11	EP059E
Outside	2009/10	HA011C
Outside	2009/10	HA018E

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Outside	2009/10	HA018D
Outside	2010/11	HA020H
Outside	2010/11	HA021B
Outside	2011/12	LU037A
Outside	2009/10	LU040F
Outside	2011/12	CM001D
Outside	2011/12	CM004C

Forest Practices Plans for any other planned coupes within the swift parrot breeding range in the Huon District will need to be submitted to the FPA in the normal manner, and FPA will consider these in the light of the best available strategic planning tools at the time.