

Annual RFA Implementation Reports - Non-Compliance

YEAR	NUMBER OF NATIVE FOREST OPERATIONS	NUMBER OF AUDITS CONDUCTED	NON-COMPLIANCE WITH EPL CONDITIONS (a)	NON-COMPLIANCE WITH TSL CONDITIONS (b)	AUDIT ACTION PLAN REQUESTS	PENALTY INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED	WARNING LETTERS ISSUED (c)	ADVISORY LETTERS ISSUED	OFFICIAL CAUTIONS ISSUED	CORRECTIVE ACTION / REMEDIATION NOTICES
2004-05	162	12	145	29	-	3	5	-	-	20
2005-06	575	8	340	52	-	2	7	-	-	58
2006-07	967	12	225	95	-	3	9	-	-	58
2007-08	592	12	311	339	-	4	12	-	-	31
2008-09	Not stated	11	163	269	-	1	10	-	-	2
2009-10	518	25	145	192	-	5	10	3	-	6
2010-11	Not stated	28	245	385	-	12	8	4	-	6
2011-12	Not stated	39	414	188	-	10	17	5	-	Not stated
2012-13	Not stated	19 (d)	127	202	-	11	4	9	3	Not stated
2013-14	Not stated	21 (e)	26	197	73	2	6	10	6	6
TOTALS	2814	187	2141	1948	73	53	88	31	9	187

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(a) Non-compliance with EPL conditions include:

- failure to protect areas of stream exclusion
- incorrect or inadequate drainage structures on roads and snig tracks
- incorrect or inadequate drainage structures at drainage feature crossings
- administrative errors, including failure to complete planning requirements.
- incomplete or insufficient recording of Environment Protection Licence breaches
- waste left at logging sites
- failure to exclude harvesting from wetlands
- administrative errors, including failure to complete planning requirements and/or the inclusion of incorrect information in planning documents
- failure to mark roads on maps
- insufficient soil stabilisation measures

- incorrect or insufficient drainage structures
- water flow issues with road drainage
- trees felled within protection zone
- incorrect marking up drainage lines and filter strips
- culvert pipe blockage
- repeated instances of administration errors, for example incorrect or incomplete planning documents
- incorrect or insufficient drainage structures including drainage feature crossings and road drainage structures
- insufficient soil stabilisation measures
- machinery entering filter strips
- insufficient maintenance of existing log dams or gully stuffers

(b) Non-compliance with TSL conditions include:

- failure to protect exclusion zones
- lack of or inadequate marking of exclusion zones and habitat features
- incomplete or insufficient pre-logging and pre-roading surveys for threatened species
- failure to protect retained habitat and recruitment trees
- inadequate selection of habitat and recruitment trees.
- failure to protect riparian habitat
- failure to exclude forestry operations from old growth forest
- incomplete or insufficient recording of Threatened Species Licence breaches
- failure to protect wetlands
- failure to exclude forestry operations from rainforest areas
- damage to recruitment and habitat trees
- failure to prepare sufficient pre-logging and pre-roading reports
- no/insufficient submission of TSL non-compliances
- harvesting machinery entering area of rainforest
- insufficient retention of Riparian Habitat Protection Zones
- insufficient implementation of exclusion zones for streams and ridge and headwater habitat
- harvesting machinery entering stream exclusion zone
- insufficient wetland protection

(c) Warning letters may include reference to numerous non-compliance of licence conditions or clauses in legislation from one audit.

(d) 19 planned audits and 50 investigations

(e) 21 planned audits and 29 investigations

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