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Safety on Public Land Act 2004

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES

I, Jason Hellyer, Deputy Chief Fire Officer Grampians, as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, 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;
- (d) ‘Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating’ means a forecast rating announced by the Bureau of Meteorology that represents the fire behaviour index predicted for a specific area.

2. Declaration of Public Safety Zones

- (a) The areas of State forest within the potential impact zone of the Bayindeen Rocky Road Fire, being:
 1. Andrews State Forest
 2. Ben Major State Forest
 3. Ben Nevis – Telstra Lease
 4. Bung Bong – Lillicur State Forest
 5. Camp Hill State Forest
 6. Chute Forest – Part
 7. Clunes Common State Forest
 8. Clunes State Forest
 9. Fortes Bush State Forest
 10. Mt Cole/Beeripmo State Forest
 11. Mt Cole State Forest – Part
 12. Mt Lonarch/Berungower State Forest
 13. Musical Gully State Forest
 14. Pyrenees Range State Forest
 15. St Arnaud – Pyrenees State Forest
 16. Trawalla State Forest
 17. Waterloo State Forest.
- (b) The areas of State forest contained within the Bureau of Meteorology Wimmera Weather District, being:
 1. Adjacent Currantee Swamp
 2. Arnolds State Forest
 3. Balmoral State Forest
 4. Barrabool State Forest
 5. Barrett State Forest

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6. Bellellen State Forest
7. Big Desert State Forest
8. Black Range State Forest
9. Blythwood State Forest
10. Bogolara State Forest
11. Brimboal State Forest
12. Bring Albert State Forest
13. Brooksby State Forest
14. Browns Road St Arnaud Gravel Reserve
15. Brynterion State Forest
16. Bulls State Forest
17. Burns State Forest
18. Caldows State Forest
19. Cherrypool State Forest
20. Clarkes State Forest
21. Clear Lake Rubbish Tip Site, Former
22. Connewirricoo State Forest
23. Cope Cope Pit
24. Crown, South/West of Fords Road
25. Dalys Lake State Forest
26. Devils Garden State Forest
27. Dorodong State Forest
28. Durong State Forest
29. Edgars State Forest
30. Glenlee Forest – Part
31. Glenlee State Forest
32. Glenorchy State Forest
33. Glynwylln State Forest
34. Goslings State Forest
35. Grampians State Forest
36. Gravel Reserve O’Callaghan
37. Gray and White Streets, St Arnaud Forest
38. Hard Hills Forest
39. Harrow State Forest
40. Hauslers State Forest
41. Heatherlie Road
42. Illawarra Nature Conservation Reserve D6
43. Illawarra State Forest
44. Kadnook State Forest
45. Kalingur State Forest
46. Kanawinka Forest, Part
47. Kanawinka State Forest

48. Kealys State Forest
49. Konnepra State Forest
50. Lake Fyans State Forest
51. Lake Fyans West Scrub Block
52. Leducourt State Forest
53. Little Tottington State Forest
54. Marma State Forest
55. McNally Block
56. Meereek State Forest
57. Morea State Forest
58. Mount Difficult Plantation Campground
59. Mt Difficult State Forest
60. Murrays State Forest
61. Netting Fence Track Big Desert
62. North Goroke State Forest
63. Pahls State Forest
64. Poyntons State Forest
65. Rainbow Common State Forest
66. Red Hill State Forest
67. Richardson Creek Quarry Reserve
68. Richardsons State Forest
69. Rocklands State Forest
70. Roseneath Reference Area
71. Roseneath State Forest
72. Shrives State Forest
73. St Arnaud North State Forest
74. St Arnaud South State Forest
75. Stawell State Forest
76. Stockham Bridge Road East Arnaud
77. Tallageira Forest – Part
78. Telangatuk State Forest
79. Ullswater State Forest
80. Upper Daly Road, St Arnaud Forest
81. Wail State Forest
82. Waits State Forest
83. Wartook State Forest
84. Yallakar State Forest
85. Yat Nat State Forest
86. Youngs State Forest.

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 12.00 am 28 February 2024 and ending on 11.59 pm 28 February 2024 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 Energy, Environment and Climate Action 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 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 Human Services engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (g) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of Emergency Management Services engaged by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action or the Country Fire Authority to carry out emergency management functions.
- (h) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of Networked Emergency Organisation partners engaged by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action 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.
- (k) 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 27 February 2024

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as delegate of the Secretary of the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action

Notes:

1. A map showing the public safety zone is held at the Horsham and Ballarat DEECA office and at the Department's head office at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002. The map is also available on the following web site: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests>
 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:
 - 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.
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