

## Otway Regional Forest Reference Group Briefing Paper

### Landscape issues and Sabine Falls

#### Meeting Number 4

##### Purpose

1. To brief the Otway Regional Forest Reference Group on the consideration of landscape issues and Sabine Falls.

##### Background

2. The Wood Utilisation Plan identifies forest areas that are scheduled for harvesting in upcoming years. The Plan does not include the detail of how the protection of forest values will be incorporated into the delineation of the coupe boundaries in the field.
3. Depending on the values identified through the Wood Utilisation Planning Process the opportunity exists for boundaries to be mark in conjunction with other NRE business units and with Parks Victoria. If requested through the public submissions a person, directly affected by the proposed harvesting, could request to be consulted at the time of coupe boundary identification.

##### Comment

4. In conjunction with Flora and Fauna Officers who will have involvement in the identification of a corridor through the planned coupe Forest Management Officers will provide input into the protection of scenic values from the Sabine Falls Walking Track. Parks Victoria, as managers of the Sabine Falls Reserve, will be invited to have input.
5. Forest Management intends to undertake a computer based view shed analysis of proposed harvesting as it relates to the Sabine Falls Walking Track. This will allow the identification of harvesting boundaries that minimise the visual impact of harvesting from the Sabine Falls walking Track.
6. The visual management aim is that any harvesting be visually inevident from the Sabine Falls walking Track.

##### Recommendation

7. That the Reference Group notes that landscape issues will be considered in the delineation of the boundaries for the proposed harvesting area at Sabine Falls.