

## **Additional information on licences and leases in the Central Highlands state forests**

This document provides additional licence and lease information known to exist in the state forests within the Central Highlands RFA

### Apiary

The overwhelming majority of apiculture in the Central Highlands (186 sites) is managed as described on page 82 of the Interim Report. Otherwise, there are four apiary right licences on the northern side of the Great Dividing Range. Two apiary right licences under the *Land Act 1958* total 71.6 hectares and are located in the Black Range State Forest. Two other apiary right licences under the *Forests Act 1958* are located in the Rubicon State Forest cover 0.06 hectares.

### Conservation and riparian management

One conservation licence – water frontage and six riparian management licences issued under the *Land Act 1958* cover a total of 10.1 ha of state forest.

The conservation licence – water frontage is located over 0.42 ha of state forest beside the Yarra River near Reefton.

Four riparian management licences along the Acheron River in the Black Range and Marysville State Forests restrict grazing and management the area for conservation purposes. The remaining two are on Armstrong Creek and the Little Yarra River near Powelltown.

### Grazing

Grazing is permitted via four different types of licences under *Land Act 1958* and the *Forests Act 1958* over state forests in the Central Highlands.

#### *Grazing licences*

Seventeen grazing licences issued under *Land Act 1958* and the *Forests Act 1958* totalling 55.49 ha exist over the Central Highlands forests.

One 5.14-ha grazing licence on Paul Range State Forest issued under the *Forests Act 1958* in the non-primary production category nonetheless has grazing as a purpose.

#### *Alpine grazing licence*

There is one alpine grazing licence over about 3,630 ha in the Upper Goulburn State Forest near Mt Sandler, east of Woods Point where grazing may occur on a seasonal basis. The licence area extends east of the RFA boundary to cover a total area of 24,475 ha.

#### *Unused road licences*

There are three unused road licences (1.34 ha total) within state forest with the purpose of grazing. Many other unused road licences lead to the boundary of the state forest from within surrounding private lands.

#### *Water frontage licence – primary production and non primary production*

There are 42 water frontage licences totalling 133.51 ha issued under the *Land Act 1958* across the Central Highlands forests located along waterways, and with the primary purpose of grazing. Some of these waterways include the Yarra, Acheron, Goulburn, Latrobe, Loch, Toorong and Tyers Rivers

and Mill, Pheasant, Health, Crystal, Bull Beef, Stony, and Shady Creeks. The two non-productive category of water frontage licences are on the Little Yarra River and Icy Creek covering 0.52 ha of water frontage in total.

### Miscellaneous – general

#### *Miscellaneous (general) licences*

In the Central Highlands forests there are 38 miscellaneous (general) licences issued under the *Land Act 1958* and the *Forests Act 1958*. Five of the miscellaneous (general) licences are further classified by the category of ‘pipe’ (see below). The miscellaneous (general) licences cover a total area of 226.94 ha with about two thirds of the licences individually occupying areas less than one hectare.

The miscellaneous (general) licences in the Central Highlands forests have a variety of purposes some of which include:

- an Aboriginal Keeping Place held by the Taungurung Land and Waters Council over 96 ha
- poultry production
- 4WD training activities over 15 ha
- Sylvia log dump and weighbridge, Pioneer log storage, Ferguson log storage and W42 log storage held by VicForests
- ingress, egress, and regress (access) from tracks or roads in the state forest to the adjacent private land boundary
- pipeline and tunnel construction held by Melbourne Water
- a mountain bike track for the Lake Mountain to Marysville Mountain Bike Trail held by the Southern Alpine Resort Management Board over 36.87 ha
- recreation
- car park
- artificial lake

#### *Recreation/amusement licence*

There are two recreation/amusement licences for camp sites over 1.6 ha and 7.2 ha of Erica and Paul Range State Forests respectively.

#### *Scout and/or guide use licence*

One scout and/or guide use licence for a hut covers 0.01 ha of the Latrobe State Forest.

#### *Residence licence*

One residence licence covers 0.14 ha of the Yarra State Forest.

### Miscellaneous (general) licences - pipe

There are five miscellaneous (general) licences classified as pipe issued under the *Land Act 1958* and the *Forests Act 1958* covering an area of 10.97 ha. These are located in the Toolangi, Marysville, Rubicon, Yarra and Erica State Forests for purpose of a dam, water supply and race, water storage, tank and pipeline, and mains and storage basin, respectively.

## Utility/commercial

There are 15 licences and leases issued under the *Land Act 1958* and the *Forests Act 1958* for telecommunications across the Central Highlands state forests.

### *Radio/TV/telecom leases*

Ten radio/TV/telecom leases are issued to various commercial enterprises for telecommunication services. These leases are located on towers that are based at high points including Mount Hickey (Tallarook State Forest), Mount Gordon (Marysville State Forest), Woods Lookout (Marysville State Forest), Mount Matlock (Upper Goulburn State Forest), Frenchmans Gap (Upper Goulburn State Forest), Mount Lookout (Aberfeldy / Nambruc State Forest\_1), La Spur Track Terminal, (Thomson River Forest Reserve), Upper Yarra Dam (Yarra State Forest), and Mount Beenak (Yarra State Forest).

### *Radio/TV/telecom licences*

Five radio/TV/telecom site licences exist in the Central Highlands for telecommunication purposes. Three are located on Mount Hickey in the Tallarook SF to Mitchell Shire Council, Ambulance Victoria and Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation. One radio/TV/telecom site licence exists in the Noojee State Forest for the Toorong Fire Tower. Melbourne Water holds a radio/TV/telecom site licence on the Walhalla Road, east of the Thomson Dam.

### *Emergency services use licence*

A 0.02-ha emergency services use licence under the *Land Act 1958* is held by the Country Fire Authority for the Mount Gordon Fire Tower in Marysville State Forest.

## Plantation land

There are some large softwood plantations that are primarily planted with Radiata Pine (*Pinus radiata*) on public land within the Central Highlands RFA area. These plantations are mostly located adjacent to native state forests areas on Crown land that is licensed to HVP Plantations with the right to operate a plantation business on the land in perpetuity.

In the north, the plantations include the Granton Plantation west of Marysville and the Glendale Plantation near Buxton. Around Kinglake West are the Flowerdale Plantation and Mount Robertson Plantations. In the south, the Noojee East Plantation is located north of Noojee, and the Neerim East and Neerim Plantations near Neerim East. The Tanjil East Plantation is located closer to Moe.

Note that the Mt Robertson Plantation near Kinglake West was originally recommended as plantation land but it remains as native forest and is included in the state forests covered by this report.