

ENVIRONMENT



ALERT

TITLE: Adherence to exclusion zones

Background

On 20/4/23 an FPC machine operator crossed a white demarcation line, assuming it was old markings. Trees and vegetation in an environmental buffer zone were subsequently damaged. There was no damage to the environmental value itself.

Key Points

- Exclusion zones are in place to protect identified values. These may be to protect environmental values, cultural values or important infrastructure.
- Site sensitivities and exclusion zones must be identified on the FPC335 Plantations and South West Native Forests pre-operation hazard identification and site handover. This information is then communicated to contractor workers during the site induction.
- Operators are to maintain their situational awareness using their GPS and mapping system.
- Operators should not assume a demarcation line is not relevant. If there is any uncertainty, stop and consult the map, then raise the query with your supervisor and/or FPC Authorised Officer.