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Dear Senior Constable Wharfe,

I refer to your reference to 'conspiracy theories' during my arrest at the Narooma police station on Wednesday the sixteenth of September. In that regard I've attached a brief document and map providing details on some concerns about the logging operations in Compartment 2002.

While the NSW Police may consider the inconsistencies between the prohibited area map and the operational map, the latter published in the local press, are inconsequential, I believe these maps should reflect an accurate and honest representation of conditions in the compartment.

You may note the roads and other features on the attached map are often not consistent with either of the aforementioned Forests NSW maps. One of the reasons for the inconsistencies is that the attached map includes a road that runs from just south of where you were on duty during the morning of Friday the eleventh of September, down to the picnic area on the edge of Black Lagoon.

This particular road crosses two streams that along with six (6) other stream crossings in Cpt 2002 are not as required, identified on the operational map. Similarly and far more disturbing are the inconsistencies between the streams on the prohibited area and operational maps.

As you may be aware Forests NSW is guaranteed accreditation under the Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) by the Commonwealth Government on the basis of compliance with the relevant approvals and the methods detailed in the associated licences. I have forwarded this letter and the attached information to NCS International, accredited auditors of the AFS.

It would seem the NSW police have become embroiled in the fraudulent misrepresentation of the facts, so I look forward to the time when hindsight illuminates the possibility that a more forensic approach may assist in circumventing talk of conspiracy theories and with it, perceptions of police complicity.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Bertram
20 September 2009

The IFOA {5. Description of forestry operations to which this approval applies (11) (B) (b)} states that “. . . the area logged comprises no more than 60% of the net harvestable area of the compartment in existence immediately prior to logging,”

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2002	1	82.7	61.6	60.1
2002	2	102.0	89.4	82.5

The gross area in the Harvesting Plan is 190.2 hectares contrasting with the Frames database that provides for a gross area of 184.7 hectares.

When defining the net area Forests NSW are required to determine stream order. The EPL for Eden {SCHEDULE 2 (Conditions 9; 11; Schedules 1, 3, 4 & 5), *Factors to be taken into account when planning scheduled and non-scheduled forestry activities- Part B: Determination of Stream Order for Drainage Feature Protection*} states:

The determination of stream order must be undertaken by State Forests during the pre-operational planning of scheduled or non-scheduled forestry activities in each compartment or roading area, as required by condition 7 of Schedule 4 of this licence. Stream order must be determined according to the methodology outlined below.

1. A first order stream is defined as that part of a drainage system between its point of origin and the first junction with another stream. A second order stream commences at the junction of two first order streams. A third order system commences at the junction of two second order streams. A schematic diagram of stream order is provided in Figure 2 of this licence.

There are six first order streams marked on the operations map within Coupe 2, one of these has an approved snig track crossing but exclusion areas are not on the map. The stated net area of coupes being thinned in the Harvesting Plan is 92.4 hectares, representing 61.2% of the net area and 64.8% of the thinnable area in the data-base. Incorporating these drainage lines as per the following map provides exclusion areas in the table below. This approach to determining the net area indicates 67.4% of the net area has been approved for logging.

Exclusion	Area (hectares)
Filter strips	37
Marine Park (50m strip)	8
Rainforest	2.6
Total	47.6

Compartment 2002 Bermagui State Forest

