

AgriWealth Pty Limited

31 March 2007 Radiata Pine Project



2012-2013 Annual Report

Legal Context

This annual report complies with Schedule 1 Part 4(h) of the Forestry Management Contract between AgriWealth Pty Limited and the Forestry Commission of New South Wales (now known as the Forestry Corporation of NSW) for the AgriWealth 31 March 2007 Radiata Pine Project.

Background

The 31 March 2007 Radiata Pine Project is located 3 kilometres west of Batlow on the property known as Hansen.

Overview

The plantation is now well established and the trees are growing well.

Rainfall has been below average during the reporting period, with significant dry periods during summer and autumn. Total rainfall at Tumbarumba from July 12 to June 13 was 831 mm compared to the long term average of 980 mm.

Stand Condition

The plantation has continued to grow well with noticeable growth since the last report.

The trees have substantially achieved full site occupancy and the blackberry and bracken regrowth that has been noted in previous reports is now reducing in significance in terms of its affect on the plantation.



Figure 1: Hansen 2007 Age Class

Scattered wattle is present in the plantation however it is not considered to be having a significant effect on plantation growth

There are some localised areas where very heavy blackberry competition, has resulted in some small unstocked areas, mostly located adjacent to drainage lines and gullies.

Pest and Disease Information

Low levels of Dothistroma infection is present adjacent to drainage lines and lower sections of the plantation, with some areas of moderate infection presenting on the lowest areas. Drier seasonal conditions experienced during last summer and autumn have not been conducive to ongoing infection at levels that are damaging.

No evidence of any other significant pest or disease damage has been observed.

Summary of Activities undertaken

- Maintenance of roads and tracks

Summary of Activities Planned for 2013/2014

- Maintenance of roads and tracks
- Identification and signage of plantation fire roads to comply with Plantations and Reafforestation Code amendments

Fire Incidents

No fire incidents occurred within or close to the plantation during the reporting period

Other Management Issues

Nil

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