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2011 SOFTWOOD TIMBER PROJECT
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2011-2012 Progress Report

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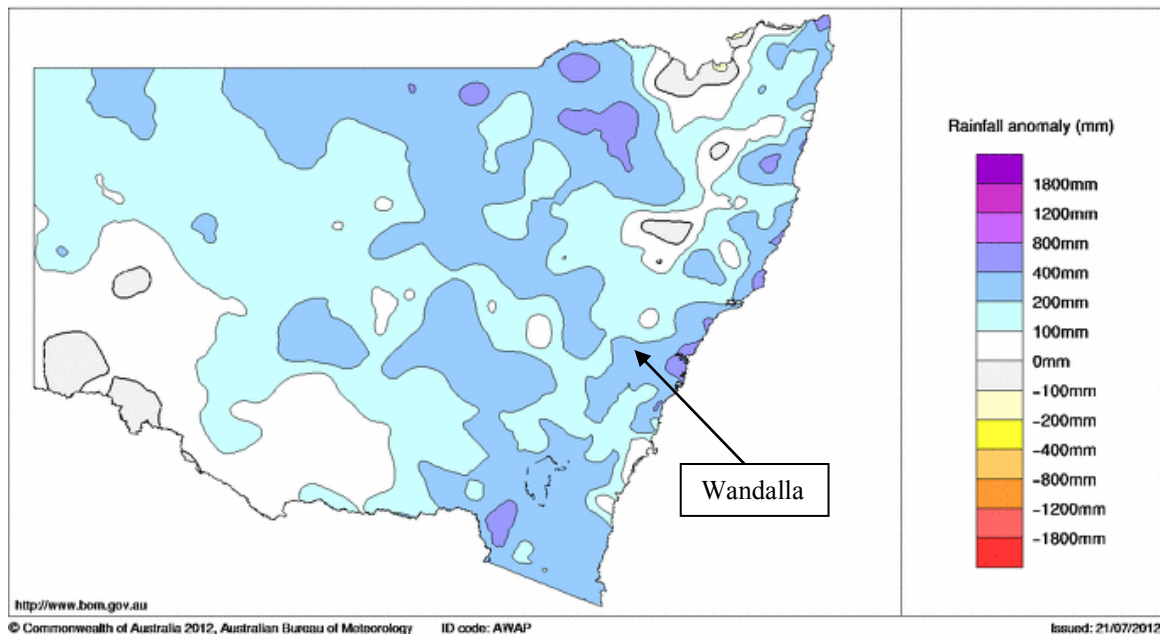
This is a progress report on the 2011 Softwood Timber Project and 2011 Timber Project. The first annual report will be provided in August 2013.

Overview

The 2011 Project is located at Wandalla, 40 kilometres south west of Oberon within the Macquarie Region. The project comprises 50 hectares of plantation to be established in winter 2012. Being the fourth planting program at Wandalla the plantation is referred to as Stage 4 (see Map in Annexure B).

Annual rainfall in Macquarie Region was 936mm compared to the long term average of 638mm. This rainfall has ensured good soil moisture for the forthcoming planting (See figure 1 and Appendix A).

Figure 1: NSW Rainfall anomalies 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012



Site Preparation

Stage 4 site preparation included ripping and mounding, pre planting herbicide application and broadcast burning of woody debris where required (refer photos below).

Access tracks have been installed on Wandalla to facilitate access for planting, future maintenance operations and fire protection. Construction of harvest roads will not occur until the plantation is due for first thinning. Planting will occur using GF19 containerised stock.



Wandalla Stage 4 – ripped and mounded site



Wandalla Stage 4 looking north-west over Stage 3.

Pest and Disease Information

Rabbit baiting was undertaken as part of the site preparation operations.

Fire Incidents

No fire incidents have occurred within or close to any of the plantations.

Other Management Issues

Fire signage to meet the requirements of the Plantations and Reafforestation Act will be reviewed and installed as appropriate in the next 12 months.

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ANNEXURE A

Table 1. Macquarie Region Average rainfall July 2011 – June 2012.

