

AgriWealth Pty Limited

2006 Softwood 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 Plantation Investment 2006 Softwood Project, dated 21 June 2006.

Overview

The 2006 Radiata Pine Project is located 3 kilometres west of Batlow on the property known as Hansen. The 2007 age class trees have continued to grow well from a successful establishment.

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 980mm.

Stand Condition

The plantation has continued to grow well with noticeable growth since the last report. Observations indicate that the plantation continues to be successful.

The trees have substantially achieved full site occupancy and the blackberry and bracken regrowth that has been noted in previous reports is now not significant in terms of affect on the plantation.



Hansen 2007 AC – (May 2013).

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 significant infections of Dothistroma.

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

Activities undertaken

- Maintenance of roads and tracks

Activities planned for 2013/2014

- Maintenance of roads and tracks as required – woody weed spraying
- Identification and signage of plantation fire roads to comply with Plantations and Afforestation 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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