

AgriWealth Pty Limited

31 March 2007 Radiata Pine Project



2013-2014 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 average during the reporting period, with significant dry period during summer and above average rainfall in autumn. Total rainfall at Tumbarumba from July 13 to June 14 was 997 mm compared to the long term average of 979 mm.

Stand Condition

The plantation has continued to grow well. The trees are maintaining full site occupancy across the plantation. There is some scattered wattle and eucalypt regrowth 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. These are mostly located adjacent to drainage lines and gullies.



Figure 1: Hansen 2007 Age Class - left – July 2014

Biosecurity & Forest Health

Forest health aerial surveillance and monitoring occurred over the property in Winter 2013. No evidence of any significant pest or disease damage was observed.

Low levels of Dothistroma infection is present adjacent to drainage lines and lower sections of the plantation. Drier seasonal conditions experienced during last Spring and summer have not been conducive to ongoing infection at levels that are damaging.

Summary of Activities undertaken

- Forest health surveillance and monitoring

Summary of Activities Planned for 2014/2015

- Forest health surveillance and monitoring
- 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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