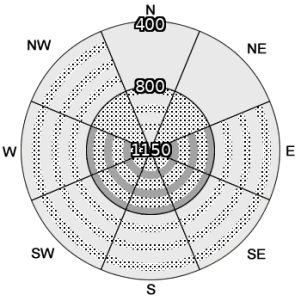


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 04/03/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sat 05/03/2016**



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

**Forecast Weather Influences**

Strong winds will be North-North-Easterly at first backing North throughout the night and becoming fresh North - North-East to North tomorrow. The freezing level will lower to around 400 metres then rise slightly to hover around 500 metres tomorrow. Light snow showers early evening then dry for the rest of the period.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Redistributed snow will continue to build windslab instabilities on South-East through South to South - West aspects above 800 metres. Localised instabilities will persist on West through North to East aspects especially above 800 metres. Cornices will continue to build. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 04/03/2016**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Winds have been strong North - Easterly with very light snow showers. Freezing level has been around 600 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

New windslab instabilities are forming on South - East through South to South - West aspects above 800 metres. Some fresh sloughing was observed on very steep North - East facing terrain. Wind exposed ridges are scoured with some ice under foot at higher levels. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

<b>Observed Mountain Travel Conditions</b>	Hard snow ice on many exposed high windward slopes. Wind scoured and bare at lower altitude wind exposed aspects. Poor visibility throughout the day above 750 metres. Feels very cold with the wind chill.
<b>Comments</b>	Remaining cold with a cold North to North-Easterly airflow.