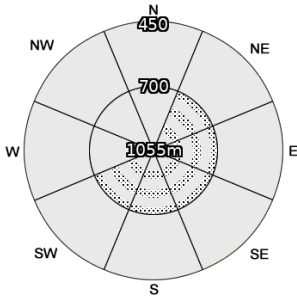


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 17/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Mon 18/12/2017**



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

**Forecast Weather Influences**

A mainly dry and cloudy day. Milder conditions will return early morning with the freezing level well above the summits and the strong, generally South-West wind will increase to gale force later.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Minor wet snow instabilities will persist within localised areas of deep accumulations of snow, most notably, steep slopes on North-East through South-East to South-West aspects above 700 metres. Elsewhere, the snowpack will continue to consolidate, particularly overnight in the cooler conditions. Remaining cornices will become more stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 17/12/2017**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Very mild with heavy rain and a strong to gale force South-West wind in the morning eased into sunny intervals and scattered showers later. Becoming cooler as the wind veered North-West.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Persistent rainfall and mild temperatures induced wet snow surface instabilities, particularly overnight and through the morning. Most affected are steep slopes, North-East through South-East to South-West aspects above 650 metres. Single point wet snow releases and cornice collapse were noted. Snowpack stability improved later as cooler conditions returned. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Diminishing and wet snowpack, good above 700 metres. A morning of flat light and no definition, clearing later. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

**Comments**

Very wet, very mild and very windy in the morning, but pleasant later. Tiresome walking in soft wet snow. Burns in spate.