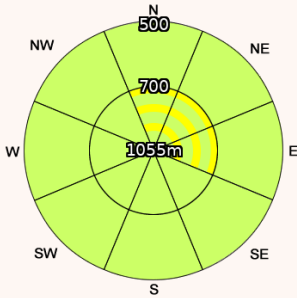


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 24/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Mon 25/12/2017



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

An overnight band of rain, sleet and snow will ease into scattered wintry showers during the day. There will be a small amount of snow above 500 metres by the end of the period. Fresh West winds will moderate, becoming a light Southerly later. The freezing level will hover around 600 metres through the day.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Pockets of fresh windslab will develop in sheltered locations on North to East aspects mainly above 700 metres. Most affected will be localised steep slopes, particularly where windslab overlies the old snow. Otherwise, the existing patchy snowpack will remain stable and will become firm as it freezes. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 24/12/2017

### Observed Weather Influences

Continuing relatively mild, with persistent rain at all levels and light winds. Multi-layered cloud levels and extensive hill fog.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing patchy snowpack is thawing at all levels and remains stable. The snow at higher elevations is becoming more firm. The avalanche hazard is Low.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, patchy above 800 metres. Poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds 10mph or less.

#### Comments

No evidence of fresh snow by mid afternoon.