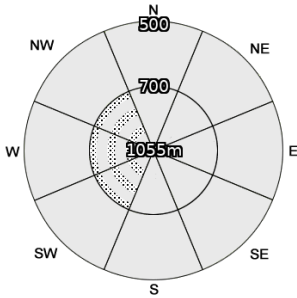


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 27/02/2018 TO 18:00HRS Wed 28/02/2018**



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**

Continuing cold with scattered snow showers throughout the period and freezing to low levels. Some brighter periods are expected between the showers. The generally Easterly wind will ease overnight, becoming fresh to strong by daybreak.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The existing snowpack will remain firm, well bonded and stable at all levels and aspects. However, localised areas of mostly shallow windslab will develop throughout the period in sheltered locations, mainly South-West to North-West aspects above 700 metres. Most affected will be steep slopes particularly where the windslab gains depth and extent. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 27/02/2018**

**Observed Weather Influences**

A cold day with scattered light snow showers feeding in on a fresh East wind. Some bright and sunny intervals between the showers. The freezing level rose from 50 metres to peak around 300 metres later in the day.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The general snowpack remains firm, stable and well bonded at all levels and aspects. There is a light covering of fresh snow, initially at all levels, thawing to around 300 metres later, higher on the coastal mountains. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Firm snow - icy on some exposed terrain. Good visibility generally, becoming poor in the showers. Winds approximately 10-20mph fresh and cooling.

**Comments**

Frozen firm snowpack and frozen ground. Remaining cold with a high windchill. Good walking conditions though.