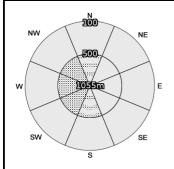
Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 28/02/2018 TO 18:00HRS Thu 01/03/2018



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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

The snow showers will mostly ease overnight leaving a largely dry and partly cloudy day, although there may be the occasional light shower. However, it will remain cold with a strong and persistent Easterly wind, and freezing at all levels.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weaknesses will persist in areas of moderately bonded windslab in sheltered locations, mainly South-West to North-West aspects above 500 metres. Most affected will be steep slopes such as gullies and coire rims and particularly on mountains away from the coast. South and North aspects will be affected due to cross loading. Fragile cornices above steep lee slopes. Otherwise, the old snowpack will remain firm and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 28/02/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Persistent snow showers with snow at all levels, particularly on the more Eastern mountains. Showers sometimes heavy and prolonged, but with the occasional bright spell. Remaining cold in the fresh to strong Easterly wind and as the freezing level barely rose above sea level.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of moderately bonded windslab are building in sheltered locations, mainly South-West to North-West aspects above 500 metres and mostly on mountains away from the coast. Most affected are steep slopes such as gullies and coire rims. Other aspects are affected due to cross loading. Cornices are developing above steep slopes with a similar aspect. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Snow settling at all levels with some heavy drifting at higher altitudes. Good visibility between the snow showers. Winds generally 10-20mph fresh and cooling.
Comments	Severe windchill in the cold conditions. Exposed old snowpack is very firm and icy in places. Localised deep snow drifts developing. Frozen ground at all levels.