Southern Cairngorms - Issued 15/02/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/02/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/02/2019



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

Generally mild but the freezing level will drop to around the highest summits at times. Very patchy precipitation, mostly rain but there is a possibility of a dusting of snow in some locations. Fresh South-Westerly winds throughout the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The patchy snow cover will continue to thaw but remain stable throughout. Snow will become a little firmer around the summits but mostly it will be soft with greatest amounts in sheltered areas and gullies above 950 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/02/2019

Observed Weather Influences

A bright and mild day. Very strong South-Westerly winds on the tops.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The patchy snow cover is generally soft but well bonded and stable on all aspects. Greatest amounts of snow are to be found in wind sheltered locations above 950 metres. Many areas at lower levels are now snow free. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions			
Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Diminishing snowpack, patchy above 900 metres. Good visibility. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.		
Comments	A very patchy snowpack. Corries and gullies holding greatest amounts.		