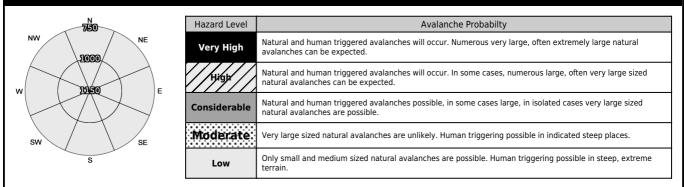
# Southern Cairngorms - Issued 21/03/2019

# Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 21/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Fri 22/03/2019



## Forecast Weather Influences

A cloudy day with light precipitation is expected. Rain will turn to snow late afternoon above 1000 metres as the freezing level drops. Winds will be strong from the South-West, easing slightly to the West-South-West in the afternoon.

#### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older patchy snow will be soft and generally well bonded but some wet snow surface instabilities are possible on any steep slopes. Greatest amounts of snow will be found on North-East to South-East aspects above 950 metres with large patches elsewhere. By late afternoon the surface layers will become firmer with a dusting of snow above 1000 metres. Remaining cornices and falling rocks will remain a hazard. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

# **Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 21/03/2019**

#### **Observed Weather Influences**

A wet and cloudy start but clearing by mid morning. Occasionally sunny thereafter with light winds from the South-West.

## Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The thaw continues with further snow loss throughout the area. The majority of remaining snow is soft but well bonded and stable. However; on North-East to South-East aspects above 1000 metres drier snow with moderately bonded layers persist in deeper accumulations. Thawing cornices remain a hazard. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions	
Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Diminishing and wet snowpack. Good visibility. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling.
Comments	Becoming cooler, likely to also be very windy over the next couple of days.