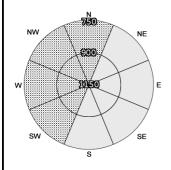
# Southern Cairngorms - Issued 28/01/2020

## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 28/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 29/01/2020



Hazard Leve	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.
Considerabl	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderat	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

Remaining wintry. The freezing level will be around 650 metres with intermittent snow showers throughout the period. Winds will be generally very strong from the West but easing and backing to the South-West from mid-morning.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of unstable windslab will continue to develop mainly around corrie rims, gully exits and steep, scarp slopes on North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres. These accumulations will generally be avoidable. Exposed older snow-ice will be very firm and icy. Elsewhere there will be a light covering of snow with deeper drifts found in any lee locations. Cornices will start to develop. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

# **Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 28/01/2020**

### Observed Weather Influences

Overnight snow showers at all levels with very light snow showers early afternoon. Winds were light from the South-West.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Windslab distribution has become a little more widespread but generally there is still not much depth in most locations. Stability is poorest where deposits have developed over older snow-ice but these are generally avoidable. These areas are to be found around wind sheltered corrie rims, scarp slopes and gully exits on North to East aspects above 900 metres. Elsewhere there is light snow cover with isolated deeper drifts in lee locations. The avalanche hazard is Low.

#### **Mountain Conditions**

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	lcy paths and hillsides. Deeper drifts developing. Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and light snow afternoon. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling.
Comments	Continuing Wintry. Old snow very icy.