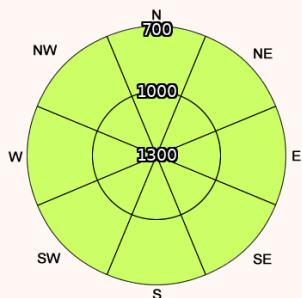


# Northern Cairngorms - Issued 06/02/2020

## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 06/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 07/02/2020



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

A dry forecast period is expected. Winds will steadily increase in strength, light South-South-Wesetrly during the evening, becoming gale force Southerly overnight backing South-South-Easterly by first light becoming storm force by midday. Freezing level well above the summits overnight becoming colder during the day with summit temperatures of minus 2 deg C.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected to the icy and firm snow cover. Any deeper snowpack accumulations will remain firm and stable, often with an icy crust, these deposits mostly overlie the old firm snowpack. Greatest snow amounts lie on North to Easterly aspects above 1000 metres. Many areas remain bare and wind scoured. The avalanche hazard will be Low

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 06/02/2020

### Observed Weather Influences

A bright and sunny day on the tops with a cooling Westerly breeze at summit levels. Midday summit temps of plus 8 deg C.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A thin cover of crusted snow lies on all aspects above 600m mostly on bare and icy ground. Deeper accumulations of the recent snow lie mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 1000m overlying the old firm snowpack. Fluctuating temperatures continue to consolidate and stabilise the snowpack throughout and an icy crust covers most of the landscape above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wind scoured and bare on many aspects. Icy and crusted in deeper deposits. Good visibility. Mostly calm conditions, breezy on summits.

#### Comments

Increasingly windy on friday.