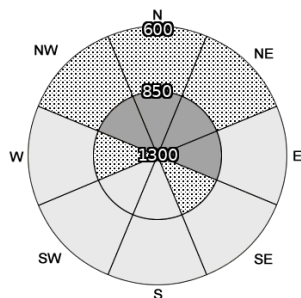


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 13/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 14/03/2020



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

Gale force South-South-East veering Southerly winds with snowfall, this will be heaviest during the night. The freezing level will steadily rise during the day from 600 metres to summit levels by the end of the day.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly bonded windslab will rapidly develop on NW to NE aspects mainly above 850 metres, here avalanches are likely especially in steep and convex areas such as gully exits, ridge flanks and coire headwalls. Instabilities persisting on E aspects, unstable cornices will overhang these areas. Localised accumulations on W facing slopes due to cross loading. Windslab will develop below 850m, this will be deepest on steep wind sheltered banks and slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 13/03/2020

### Observed Weather Influences

A dry day with long spells of sunshine and light South-Easterly winds. The freezing level was around 600 metres.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab persists in specific areas on N through E to SE aspects mainly above 900m. Steep and convex areas including gully exits, ridge flanks and coire headwalls are most affected. Localised on NW aspects. Weak cornices overhang these areas. Additional unstable windslab developed on SE aspects, this is more localised on steep S to SW aspects above 850m. Localised windslab has developed at lower elevations, deepest accumulations are on steep banks. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 600m - some wind exposed ridges and slopes icy and scoured. Cold clear conditions. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling.

#### Comments

Wild and windy start to the weekend, lighter winds expected during Sunday