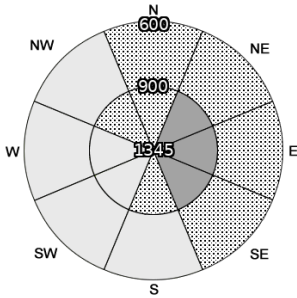


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 18/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 19/03/2020**



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**

Strong winds from the South-West will veer to North-West and ease to moderate during the day. Light snowfall overnight will become isolated showers. The freezing level will remain around 600 metres for the forecast period.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Deposits of weakly bonded windslab will continue to develop mainly on North-East to South-East aspects above 950 metres. In sheltered locations these deposits of windslab will gain significant depth and avalanches are likely. Localised cross loaded windslab will also build on other sheltered aspects. The existing snowpack where exposed will be firm and generally stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 18/03/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Strong to gale force South-West veering Westerly during the day. Prolonged heavy snow showers during the the forecast period with the freezing level at 600 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Weakly bonded windslab is present mainly on North-East to South-East aspect above 900 metres. Cornices have developed rapidly and are fragile and prone to collapse. At other elevations localised cross-loaded windslab is present on sheltered slopes. The existing snowpack, where exposed has consolidated and is generally stable. Recent avalanche activity noted on East and North-East aspects above 950m. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous. Occasional periods of visibility and drifting snow. New snow above 600 metres.

**Comments**