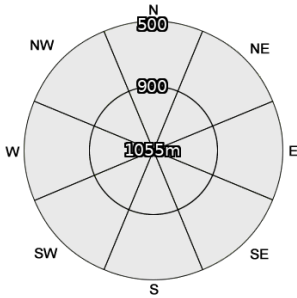


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 23/02/2021 TO 18:00HRS Wed 24/02/2021**



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**

There will be gale strength South-South-West winds throughout the period with heavy showers. Some of these shower will turning to sleet on higher summits as the freezing level lowers to summit levels by the morning, then dropping to around 1000 metres later.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snow pack will remain wet and generally well bonded. As the freezing level lowers by the morning the snow pack will firm up at higher levels with some light deposits of wind slab likely to accumulate on North to East aspects above 900 metres. These avoidable shallow accumulations will be present on wind sheltered steep terrain such as gully tops and scarp slopes. Localised wet snow instabilities will remain particularly on steep convex terrain. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 23/02/2021**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Winds were storm force South-South-West. Mild temperatures and heavy rain showers all morning. The freezing level has been above the summits.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snow pack is wet, consolidated and generally stable. Increasingly patchy at lower levels with better cover above 500 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Diminishing snowpack, better above 500 metres. Poor visibility throughout the day above 800 metres. Winds approx 60-75 mph, blowing us over frequently, serious conditions.

**Comments**

The freezing level lowering later in the week, perhaps with snow down to 600 -700 metres.