

# Hunting Risk Assessment Report

Report detailing the 2020 risk assessment of hunting activities conducted in NSW State forests.

29 April 2020



## Introduction and objectives

Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) manages NSW's State-owned commercial native and plantation State forests. Authorised recreational hunting is permitted in some State forests, and these activities are regulated by the Game Licensing Unit (GLU) of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI). FCNSW has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the DPI that outlines roles and responsibilities for both parties in the joint management of hunting activities in State forests.

To ensure hunting is managed safely, a yearly risk review is conducted (as required by the Joint Consultative Committee), the objectives of which are to:

- provide a forum for stakeholders to provide an update on incidents, concerns and improvement activities, and
- review existing risks to confirm, amend or update the risk description, assessment and associated controls as necessary.

Illegal hunting activities are specifically excluded from the risk assessment.

The outputs of the risk assessment review conducted in February 2020 are documented in this report for the purpose of communicating with stakeholders.

## Methodology

The risk assessment process used was guided by FCNSW' Risk Management Guideline (D00160648), which is consistent with the framework detailed in AS/NZS ISO31000:2018 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines. The risk assessment review process involved a cross disciplinary team that included appropriate representatives from:

- Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW)
- Game Licensing Unit (GLU) – Department of Primary Industries
- Australian Workers Union (AWU), Public Sector Association of NSW (PSA) and Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU)
- Crown Land – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

The risk assessment review was facilitated by external safety risk assessment specialists from EY.

## **Legislation and licensing of hunting**

There is a range of legislation in place that outlines the processes for granting hunting licences and the requirements for hunters to comply with when hunting. The licensing requirements are administered and managed by the Department of Primary Industries (specifically the GLU) and the NSW Police Force. The relevant requirements (and legislation) that hunters must comply with include (but are not limited to):

- Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002
- Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2012
- NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R Licence)
- NSW Firearms Licence (Hunting with a firearm)
- Companion Animals Act 1998 (Hunting with a dog)

## Risk 1: Person struck by a projectile

	<p>Person (a forest worker, a worker who is in a State forest but performing other work, a visitor, a neighbour, or a hunter) struck by a projectile.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>After implementing all controls listed below, the risk is:</b> <b>SEVERE</b></p>	
<p>Control measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSW Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) conditions</li> <li>• NSW Firearms Licence conditions</li> <li>• Written Permission conditions</li> <li>• GLU booking and compliance process</li> </ul>
<p>How can I prevent this risk from affecting me?</p>	<p>Hunters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of your obligations and responsibilities under the conditions for the licence you hold, and the Written Permission conditions for the area of State Forest you're permitted to hunt in.</li> <li>• Be familiar (and comply) with the <a href="#">NSW Game Hunting Guide</a></li> <li>• Report illegal hunting activity if, and when safe to do so</li> </ul> <p>Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of scheduled hunting activities and associated risks to yourself and others</li> <li>• Be familiar with the requirements for hunters to wear blaze orange clothing</li> <li>• Be aware of hunting activity that may be occurring in the vicinity of work being undertaken</li> <li>• Report illegal hunting activity if, and when safe to do so</li> </ul> <p>Neighbours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be familiar with the <a href="#">Shut the gate on illegal hunting program</a></li> <li>• Report illegal hunting activity if, and when safe to do so</li> </ul>

## Risk 2: Person attacked by a hunting dog

	<p>Person (a forest worker, a worker who is in a State Forest but performing other work, a visitor, a neighbour, or another hunter) attacked by a hunting dog.</p>
<p><b>After implementing all controls listed below, the risk is:</b> <b>LOW</b></p>	
<p>Control measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSW Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) conditions</li> <li>• Written Permission conditions</li> <li>• GLU booking and compliance process</li> </ul>
<p>How can I prevent this risk from affecting me?</p>	<p>Hunters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of your obligations and responsibilities under the conditions for the licence you hold, and the Written Permission conditions for the area of State Forest you're permitted to hunt in.</li> <li>• Be familiar (and comply) with the <a href="#">NSW Game Hunting Guide</a></li> <li>• Be familiar (and comply) with the <a href="#">Hunt safe, hunt legal – be a responsible pig dogger guide</a></li> <li>• Report illegal hunting activity if, and when safe to do so</li> </ul> <p>Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be familiar with hunting activities, and the risks they pose</li> <li>• Be aware of hunting activity that may be occurring in the vicinity of work being undertaken</li> <li>• Report illegal hunting activity if, and when safe to do so</li> </ul> <p>Neighbours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be familiar with the <a href="#">Shut the gate on illegal hunting program</a></li> <li>• Report illegal hunting activity if, and when, safe to do so</li> </ul>

### Risk 3: Psychological harm to a forest worker

	<p>Psychological harm to a forest worker, caused by fear of harm, as a result of interaction with, or working near people undertaking hunting activities</p>
<p><b>After implementing all controls listed below, the risk is:</b> <b>MODERATE</b></p>	
<p>Control measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSW Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) conditions</li> <li>• NSW Firearms Licence conditions</li> <li>• Written Permission conditions</li> <li>• GLU booking and compliance process</li> </ul>
<p>How can I prevent this risk from affecting me?</p>	<p>Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be familiar with hunting activities, and the risks they pose</li> <li>• Be aware of hunting activity that may be occurring in the vicinity of work being undertaken</li> <li>• Report any near misses/incidents</li> <li>• Engage with workplace support services, e.g. Employee Assistance Program etc.</li> <li>• Report illegal hunting activity if, and when, safe to do so</li> </ul>

## Appendix A: Risk Register

Risk Description				Inherent Risk			Residual Risk					Risk Treatment Plan
Risk ID	Risk Category	Division	Risk	Consequence	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Risk Controls	Are the Risk Controls working well?	Consequence	Likelihood	Residual Risk Rating	Control Description
<i>Risk identifier</i>	<i>What type of risk is it?</i>	<i>Which Division is responsible?</i>	<i>What is the risk? Describe the risk, its sources and what the potential impacts are.</i>	<i>What is the worst-case result/effect of the event?</i>	<i>How likely is the event to occur, assuming no controls?</i>	<i>Product of consequence x likelihood</i>	<i>What controls are currently in place to manage the risk? How effective are the existing controls in eliminating or reducing the risk?</i>	<i>Are the risk controls suitable, adequate and generally working well? How is this recorded/reported?</i>	<i>What is the consequence of the risk, with the controls in place?</i>	<i>How likely is the event to occur, assuming controls are in place?</i>	<i>Product of consequence x likelihood</i>	<i>What additional controls should be put in place to reduce the residual risk? How effective are the proposed controls going to be?</i>
1	Safety	CEO	Person (a forest worker, a worker who is in a State Forest but performing other work, a visitor, a neighbour, or another hunter) struck by a projectile.	Extreme	Unlikely	Severe	<b>GLU – Game Licensing Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure maps and GPS products are made available to hunters</li> <li>Periodically check that hunters hold a NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R Licence)</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance against Written Permission Conditions</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance of carrying a working, GPS-enabled device, containing up-to-date quarterly maps</li> <li>Enforce compliance with signage and directions of GLU Compliance Inspectors, NSW Police and Public Land Managers</li> <li>Monitor surveillance cameras for unauthorised access</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance with the GLU booking and compliance process</li> <li>Control density of hunters in an area of forest/square meter range</li> <li>Support the 'Shut the gate on illegal hunting' program</li> </ul> <b>FCNSW – Forestry Corporation of NSW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply updated quarterly maps at least 15 days prior to commencement of a new quarter, as per MoU</li> <li>Provide Notification of Change (NoC) information (changes regarding Exclusion Zones, Forest Permits, Written Permissions) in a timely manner (minimum of 10 working days) to the GLU as per the MoU</li> <li>Ensure permanent and temporary signage is erected and maintained</li> <li>Ensure workers carry a working GPS-enabled device, containing up-to-date quarterly maps</li> <li>Ensure hunter compliance with signage and directions of FCNSW Field Workers, booking and notification Systems</li> </ul>	Yes	Extreme	Rare	Severe	
2	Safety	CEO	Person (a forest worker, a worker who is in a State Forest but performing other work, a visitor, a neighbour, or another hunter) attacked by a hunting dog.	Moderate	Rare	Low	<b>GLU – Game Licensing Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure maps and GPS products are made available to hunters</li> <li>Periodically check that hunters hold a NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R Licence)</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance against Written Permission Conditions</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance of carrying a working, GPS-enabled device, containing up-to-date quarterly maps</li> <li>Enforce compliance with signage and directions of GLU Compliance Inspectors, NSW Police and Public Land Managers</li> <li>Monitor surveillance cameras for unauthorised access</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance with the GLU booking and compliance process</li> <li>Control density of hunters in an area of forest/square meter range</li> <li>Support the 'Shut the gate on illegal hunting' program</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance with the Companion Animals Act 1998</li> <li>Enforce compliance with dogs either wearing a radio tracking collar or being on a lead</li> </ul> <b>FCNSW – Forestry Corporation of NSW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply updated quarterly maps at least 15 days prior to commencement of a new quarter, as per MoU</li> <li>Provide Notification of Change (NoC) information (changes regarding Exclusion Zones, Forest Permits, Written Permissions) in a timely manner (minimum of 10 working days) to the GLU as per the MoU</li> <li>Ensure permanent and temporary signage is erected and maintained</li> <li>Ensure workers carry a working GPS-enabled device, containing up-to-date quarterly maps</li> <li>Ensure hunters compliance with signage and directions of FCNSW Field Workers, booking and Notification systems</li> </ul>	Yes	Moderate	Rare	Low	

Risk Description				Inherent Risk			Residual Risk					Risk Treatment Plan
Risk ID	Risk Category	Division	Risk	Consequence	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Risk Controls	Are the Risk Controls working well?	Consequence	Likelihood	Residual Risk Rating	Control Description
<i>Risk identifier</i>	<i>What type of risk is it?</i>	<i>Which Division is responsible?</i>	<i>What is the risk? Describe the risk, its sources and what the potential impacts are.</i>	<i>What is the worst-case result/effect of the event?</i>	<i>How likely is the event to occur, assuming no controls?</i>	<i>Product of consequence x likelihood</i>	<i>What controls are currently in place to manage the risk? How effective are the existing controls in eliminating or reducing the risk?</i>	<i>Are the risk controls suitable, adequate and generally working well? How is this recorded/reported?</i>	<i>What is the consequence of the risk, with the controls in place?</i>	<i>How likely is the event to occur, assuming controls are in place?</i>	<i>Product of consequence x likelihood</i>	<i>What additional controls should be put in place to reduce the residual risk? How effective are the proposed controls going to be?</i>
3	Safety	CEO	Psychological harm to a forest worker, caused by fear of harm, as a result of interaction with, or working near, people undertaking hunting activities.	Moderate	Possible	Moderate	<b>GLU – Game Licensing Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure maps and GPS products are made available to hunters</li> <li>Periodically check that hunters hold a NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R Licence)</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance against Written Permission Conditions</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance of carrying a working, GPS-enabled device, containing up-to-date quarterly maps</li> <li>Enforce compliance with signage and directions of GLU Compliance Inspectors, NSW Police and Public Land Managers</li> <li>Monitor surveillance cameras for unauthorised access</li> <li>Monitor hunter compliance with the GLU booking and compliance process</li> <li>Control density of hunters in an area of forest/square meter range</li> <li>Support the 'Shut the gate on illegal hunting' program</li> </ul> <b>FCNSW - Forestry Corporation of NSW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply updated quarterly maps at least 15 days prior to commencement of a new quarter, as per MoU</li> <li>Provide Notification of Change (NoC) information (changes regarding Exclusion Zones, Forest Permits, Written Permissions) in a timely manner (minimum of 10 working days) to the GLU as per the MoU</li> <li>Ensure permanent and temporary signage is erected and maintained</li> <li>Ensure workers carry a working, GPS-enabled device, containing up-to-date quarterly maps</li> <li>Ensure hunter compliance with signage and directions of FCNSW Field Workers, booking and notification systems</li> <li>Ensure workers have an understanding of hunting activities, and the safety measures in place, including the role of the GLU</li> <li>Ensure workers have access to Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services</li> <li>Support the creation and maintenance of a healthy workplace through the development and implementation of a mental health and wellbeing strategy</li> <li>Ensure managers and supervisors understand their roles and responsibilities in supporting workers</li> </ul>	No	Moderate	Possible	Moderate	

# Appendix B: Risk Matrices

## Likelihood Categories

Event Occurrence	Rating
Event will probably occur in most circumstances (e.g. daily)	Almost Certain
Event will probably occur in most circumstances (e.g. monthly)	Likely
Event might occur occasionally (e.g. annually)	Possible
Event could occur at some time (e.g. once in 10 years)	Unlikely
Event may occur in exceptional circumstances (e.g. once in 100 years)	Rare

## Consequence Matrix

		Consequence Categories				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Risk Types	<b>Business</b>	Financial impact of less than \$50K	Financial impact of less than 0.5% of last year's total revenue and greater than \$50K	Financial impact of less than 1% or greater than 0.5% of last year's total revenue	Financial impact of less than 5% and greater than 1% of last year's total revenue	Financial impact of greater than 5% of last year's total revenue
	<b>Health and safety</b>	No injury or illness	Minor first aid	Medical treatment for injury/illness (less than two months)	Medical treatment for injury/illness (greater than two months)	Fatality or serious injury/disability
	<b>Community/reputation/media/employee relations</b>	Off-hand comment, phone call or frontline complaint	Minor formal complaint, one article in local media, minor local group interest	Minor protest, several regional/local media articles, multiple formal complaints	Major protest, national media attention, multiple regional/local media articles. Local/regional government representations – response required	Prolonged and extensive community outrage, international media attention. State/national questions in parliament. Calls for resignation of CEO/Board
	<b>Legal non-compliance</b>	Potential or technical break of legislation that will not result in warning letter or Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN)	Breach of legislation leading to a warning letter	Breach of legislation leading to a PIN	Prosecution of the Corporation in court	Prosecution of Directors and/or Managers in court
	<b>Environmental</b>	Minimal damage. Low loss or degradation of values. Minimal overall impact	Short term damage. Noticeable loss or degradation of values. Self-correcting in time (no rehabilitation)	Medium term damage. Significant loss or degradation of values. Rehabilitation required (<\$50K)	Severe long-term damage. Major loss or degradation of values. Major rehabilitation required (>\$50K)	Extreme long-term damage. Complete and permanent loss of values. Not repairable

## Risk Matrix

		Consequence				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Likelihood		5	4	3	2	1
Almost Certain	A	5A Moderate Risk	4A Moderate Risk	3A Severe Risk	2A Extreme Risk	1A Extreme Risk
Likely	B	5B Low Risk	4B Moderate Risk	3B Severe Risk	2B Severe Risk	1B Extreme Risk
Possible	C	5C Low Risk	4C Low Risk	3C Moderate Risk	2C Severe Risk	1C Severe Risk
Unlikely	D	5D No Risk	4D Low Risk	3D Low Risk	2D Moderate Risk	1D Severe Risk
Rare	E	5E No Risk	4E No Risk	3E Low Risk	2E Moderate Risk	1E Severe Risk

## Appendix C: NSW Game Hunting Licence Conditions

In order, to apply for and hold a NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) to hunt on public land, the following conditions apply:

- Hunters must complete the R-Licence Accreditation Course, for one of the R-Licence categories:
  - Firearms – rifles and shotguns
  - Firearms – blackpowder
  - Bows
  - Dogs
- Hunters must have a current Firearms Licence (administered by the NSW Police Force) to hunt using the firearms categories
- Hunters must be a member of an Approved Hunting Organisation (AHO)

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/hunting-licences>

## Appendix D: State Forest General Written Permission Conditions

Proposed Update - February 2020

<b>1. Interference with Forestry operations</b>	You must not interfere with or impede any Forestry operations when you are hunting in the State Forest.
<b>2. Signs, notices and barriers</b>	You must obey the directions of any sign, notice or barrier encountered when hunting in the State Forest. You must not remove or deface any sign, notice or barrier placed in the State forest.
<b>3. Rights of other users</b>	You must not obstruct or impede the right of any other person who is lawfully using the State forest while you are hunting.
<b>4. Written permission details</b>	You must not provide false information when applying for your written permission. You may only hunt in accordance with the information you provided during your written permission application (this includes details of vehicles and dogs). If the details listed on your written permission change before your hunt, you must amend your written permission with the new information and download an updated version.
<b>5. Intention to hunt</b>	You must not obtain a written permission unless you intend to hunt on the dates you have selected for the permission. If you are unable to hunt on the dates of a written permission you have been issued, you must amend or cancel your written permission.
<b>6. Forest closures</b>	You must not hunt in the State forest during a Forest closure. It's your responsibility to know whether there is a Forest closure in force before you hunt. This information is available on the Forestry Corporation website at <a href="http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/closures">www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/closures</a>
<b>7. Fires</b>	<u>Total fire bans</u> You must not hunt in the State forest during a Total Fire Ban. It's your responsibility to know whether there is a Total Fire Ban in force before you hunt. This information is available on the Rural Fire Service website <a href="http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans">www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans</a>  <u>Solid fuel fire bans</u> You must not use a solid fuel fire during a solid fuel fire ban. It's your responsibility to know whether there is a solid fuel fire ban in place. This

	<p>information is available on the Forestry Corporation website <a href="http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/solid-fuel-fire-bans">www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/solid-fuel-fire-bans</a></p>
<p><b>8. Possession of firearms and hunting equipment in State forests</b></p>	<p>Your written permission allows you to be in possession of hunting equipment in the State forest that your permission is issued for. You may legally have your hunting equipment in that forest from one whole day before your permission starts, through to one whole day after your permission ends, provided the hunting equipment is stored and not readily accessible.</p> <p>Your written permission authorises you to hunt using specific methods in each State forest. The hunting equipment in your possession must match the categories approved on your R-Licence as well as the hunting methods approved on your written permission.</p> <p>You must not possess firearms and/or hunting equipment (including; bows, traps, nets, snares, poisons, explosives, spears and other hunting devices) in a State forest unless you have written permission to hunt using that equipment in that State forest at that time.</p> <p>You must not allow any person who does not have a written permission to hunt in the State forest to take possession of your firearms, bows or hunting equipment whilst you are in the State forest.</p>
<p><b>9. Transportation and storage of firearms in State forests</b></p>	<p>When not actively hunting and not in your immediate possession all firearms must be stored in accordance with the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms must be locked away (either in a locked vehicle or other locked storage device) and not readily accessible.</li> <li>• Firearms must be stored in such a way so that they cannot be lost or stolen.</li> <li>• Firearms must not be accessible to any person who does not have written permission to hunt using firearms in the State Forest.</li> <li>• Firearms must not be accessible to any person who does not have a firearms licence or permit authorising them to be in possession of a firearm.</li> </ul> <p>When transporting or conveying a firearm in a motor vehicle (including a motorbike):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms must not be loaded with any ammunition (this includes any magazine that is fitted to the firearm).</li> <li>• Firearms must not be visible from outside the vehicle.</li> <li>• All ammunition (including any detachable magazine loaded with ammunition) must be stored in a locked receptacle.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Transportation and storage of bows and other hunting equipment in State forests</b></p>	<p>When not actively hunting and not in your immediate possession all bows and hunting equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be locked away (either in a locked vehicle or other locked storage device) and not readily accessible.</li> <li>• Must not be accessible to any person who does not have written permission to hunt using that equipment in the State Forest.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Hunting areas and exclusion zones</b></p>	<p>You may only hunt on land that is identified as a hunting area on your DPI Hunting Map. These maps may also specify the methods allowed in specific hunting areas of the State forest. You must not hunt in areas marked as exclusion zones.</p> <p><u>General hunting exclusion zones</u>  General hunting exclusion zones are marked on your written permission and DPI Hunting Map as areas where hunting is not permitted. You are allowed to travel through a general hunting exclusion zone if you hold a written permission. Before traversing the exclusion zone, all firearms must be unloaded and ammunition stored separately from the firearm, arrows must be placed in an appropriate container and all hunting dogs must be restrained or confined.</p> <p><u>Total public exclusion zones</u>  Total public exclusion zones are marked on your written permission and DPI Hunting Map as areas where hunting is not permitted. The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) also places signs at each road entrance into a Total Public Exclusion Zone. The signs advise that only authorised people are able to enter those areas. You must not enter or travel through a Total Public Exclusion Zone at any time.</p>

	<p><u>Temporary hunting exclusion zones and other sign-posted area</u> Temporary hunting exclusion zones may not be identified on your written permission or DPI Hunting Map. They will be identified by signs erected by FCNSW. You must observe all temporary exclusion zone signs and must not hunt in that zone. All FCNSW operational signage must be adhered to as well. You are allowed to travel through a temporary hunting exclusion zone or other sign-posted area. Before traversing the exclusion zone, all firearms must be unloaded and ammunition stored separately from the firearm, arrows must be placed in an appropriate container and all hunting dogs must be restrained or confined.</p> <p><u>Infrastructure and asset exclusions</u> Infrastructure and asset exclusions may not be identified on your written permission or DPI Hunting Map. You must not hunt within 100m of any occupied residence, dwelling, fire tower or building located in the State forest or located on land neighbouring the State forest. You must not hunt within 100m of any radio tower, electricity or mobile phone transmission tower, quarry or pump house located in the State forest.</p>
<b>12. Day-time hunting</b>	You may only hunt using a firearm or bow during day-time, being from 30 minutes before sunrise through to 30 minutes after sunset. You may hunt with a dog during daytime only if 'dogs (day-time)' is specified as an available hunting method on your written permission.
<b>13. Night-time hunting (dogs only)</b>	<p>You may hunt with a dog during night-time only if 'dogs (night-time)' is specified as an available hunting method on your written permission.</p> <p>When hunting with dogs at night you must attach a form of illumination to each free ranging hunting dog.</p> <p>You must not use any spot or search light from a moving vehicle when hunting at night.</p> <p>Firearms and bows are not permitted to be used when hunting with dogs at night. Firearms and bows must be locked away and not readily accessible at times when you are hunting with dogs at night.</p>
<b>14. Mandatory use of a Global Positioning System (GPS) device</b>	<p>You must carry an operational Global Positioning System (GPS) device at all times while hunting in the State forest.</p> <p>Minor hunters (under 18 years of age) are exempt from this requirement as they must hunt in the company of an adult licence holder who must carry a GPS.</p> <p>Your GPS device must be loaded with current maps that show the hunting and exclusion zones for the area you are hunting, downloaded from the DPI website.</p> <p>You must be able to show your current position on the device at all times while hunting.</p>
<b>15. Blaze orange clothing</b>	<p>You must wear an item of blaze orange at all times while hunting in the State forest. The item must be worn externally and visible from all sides, on the upper part of your body and can be a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hat</li> <li>• beanie</li> <li>• shirt</li> <li>• jumper</li> <li>• jacket</li> <li>• vest</li> <li>• buff/neck warmer</li> </ul>
<b>16. Hunting from vehicles</b>	<p>You must not hunt with a firearm or bow from a vehicle in the State forest.</p> <p>If using a dog to hunt from a motor vehicle (including motorbike) in the State forest you must tether, cage or otherwise restrain the dog when the vehicle is moving.</p>

<p><b>17. Use of vehicles</b></p>	<p>You must not drive or park unregistered vehicles (including motor cycles and ATV's) in a State forest at any time. Unregistered vehicles must not be used for hunting in a State forest at any time.</p> <p>Unless otherwise sign-posted, you must not exceed 60 km/h when driving a motor vehicle (including a motorbike) in a State forest.</p>
<p><b>18. Sighting in and target practice</b></p>	<p>You must not sight-in or target practice with firearms, clay targets or archery equipment in the State forest.</p>
<p><b>19. Tree stands</b></p>	<p>You must not use a tree stand for hunting in a State forest.</p>
<p><b>20. Use of bait to hunt</b></p>	<p>You must not lay any bait, grain, fruit, food product, mineral block, meat, animal carcass, other matter, other substance or other attractant to assist in the hunting of an animal in the State forest.</p>
<p><b>21. Use of drones</b></p>	<p>You are permitted to use drones to assist in hunting in the State forest. When using a drone for hunting in the State forest you must operate in accordance with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) licensing and regulations. You must not fly a drone over any Forestry operations when hunting in the State forest. You must not harass, impede or unnecessarily disturb any other hunter or State forest user when using a drone to hunt in the State forest.</p>
<p><b>22. 1080 wild dog and fox poison</b></p>	<p>1080 Wild Dog and Fox poison baits may be present in the State forest at any time. Hunters must not interfere with any 1080 baits or equipment whilst hunting in the State forest. Hunting with dogs is permitted in the State forest at the hunters own risk.</p>
<p><b>23. Livestock on public land</b></p>	<p>Domestic stock (including ear-tagged goats and pigs) may be present in declared hunting areas. Livestock must not be harassed, harmed or unnecessarily disturbed.</p>
<p><b>24. Rubbish and toilet waste</b></p>	<p>You must keep all rubbish in a container or bag when hunting in a State forest. You must take all rubbish with you when leaving the State forest.</p> <p>Toilet waste and toilet paper may be left in the State forest but only if you dig a hole and bury all toilet waste and toilet paper to a depth of at least 15 centimetres.</p>
<p><b>25. Mandatory harvest return</b></p>	<p>You must submit a Harvest Return for each written permission you are issued within 30 days of the expiry of the permission. Harvest Returns can be lodged using online licence holder services. Failure to submit a Hunter Return may lead to suspension from the written permission booking system or further penalties. You must not provide false information on your harvest return.</p>