

Addendum to original report:

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Impact of proposed Huon timber yard and associated traffic on fauna species

Traffic changes associated with the proposed timber processing yard at the Huon-Arve River junction are likely to have a significant impact on vertebrate fauna along the feeder road. The potential impact of increased roadkills along the section of road including Lonnavaile Road (Judbury to Denison Road junction), Denison Road (to Weld Road Junction) and Weld Road to timber yard site should be assessed by:

1. A preliminary survey of habitats along the road to delineate any hotspots where vertebrate roadkills are likely to be high, and/or where a threatened species or species of conservation significance is at an increased risk of roadkill. Where such hotspots are identified, measures should be considered to ameliorate the putative increased risk of roadkills. Such measures may include culverts for movement of wildlife, education of drivers regarding roadkill hotspots, reduced traffic speed through danger zones (particularly at night), and signage to warn drivers of wildlife on road.
2. Regular (weekly) monitoring of roadkills during the first two years operation of the timber processing yard, with a central database set up to record the species and location of all roadkills. Ideally, the job of monitoring should be delegated to specified Forestry Tasmania staff members who traverse the road regularly. Once identified and recorded, roadkills should be removed from the road to avoid scavenging by other animals, and recounting of the roadkill during subsequent surveys. Monitoring of roadkills should provide information on any hotspots where roadkills are an ongoing problem. Once identified, these hotspots should be considered for remedial actions, as above.