

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS**

Immediately north of the start/NOL map changeover for the Galaxy event, most courses go through an erosion gully complex which is the subject of major ongoing rehabilitation works. Some parts of this area have yet to be stabilised and are easily disturbed.

All competitors have a responsibility under the OA Environmental Code of Practice (Appendix 7 to OA Competition Rules) to avoid damage to sensitive areas wherever possible. The sensitive areas are mostly unstable gully walls which are in the process of being rehabilitated and have been identified for OACT by a specialist soil scientist. They may not be obvious to some competitors, although those who are environmentally knowledgeable and responsible may well try to avoid them, potentially losing time as a result. In order to maintain a fair competition and assist all competitors to comply with their obligations under the OA Environmental Code of Practice, the sensitive areas will be marked in the terrain with continuous taping, with gaps at locations where it is acceptable to cross. They are not marked on the competition map. Some taped areas coincide with unmapped piles of logs or branches which have been placed partly to constrain kangaroo movement and may be difficult to cross in any case.

In addition to not crossing the taped lines, use your common sense also to avoid disturbing any structures that have been placed for soil conservation purposes. Should you disturb or damage any such structures, please advise the organisers after you finish so that they can be replaced or repaired.

It is important for all competitors and officials to heed the above advice and protect the reputation of orienteering, both locally and nationally, as an environmentally responsible sport.