



Dear event participant,

Pine plantations are working forests and harvesting areas are hazardous work sites. While HQPlantations makes every effort to ensure routes for events are organised away from active harvesting sites, there have been several incidents recently where event participants have ignored Do Not Enter signs and approached operating machinery. These are potentially life threatening incidents that we take very seriously.

All members of the public (including an event organiser, participant, volunteer or supporter) must obey a Do Not Enter or Do Not Proceed sign even if no operating machinery is visible. This means you will have to turn around and find another safe route. All members of the public (including an event organiser, participant, volunteer or supporter) must not approach within 300m of a machine whether it appears to be operating or not, even if they haven't passed a sign. This is for your safety and the safety of the machine operator.

You may safely use roads that are not closed but should continue to be alert for haulage trucks that are not able to stop quickly.

If there is a repeat of the recent incidents where participants ignore harvesting signage and/or approached machines, HQPlantations will need to consider the future of such events regardless of whether a permit has already been issued in order to preserve safety. That means as a participant, your actions can directly influence the future of these events in pine plantations managed by HQPlantations.

We hope you have a great event but please play it safe and make good decisions.

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