

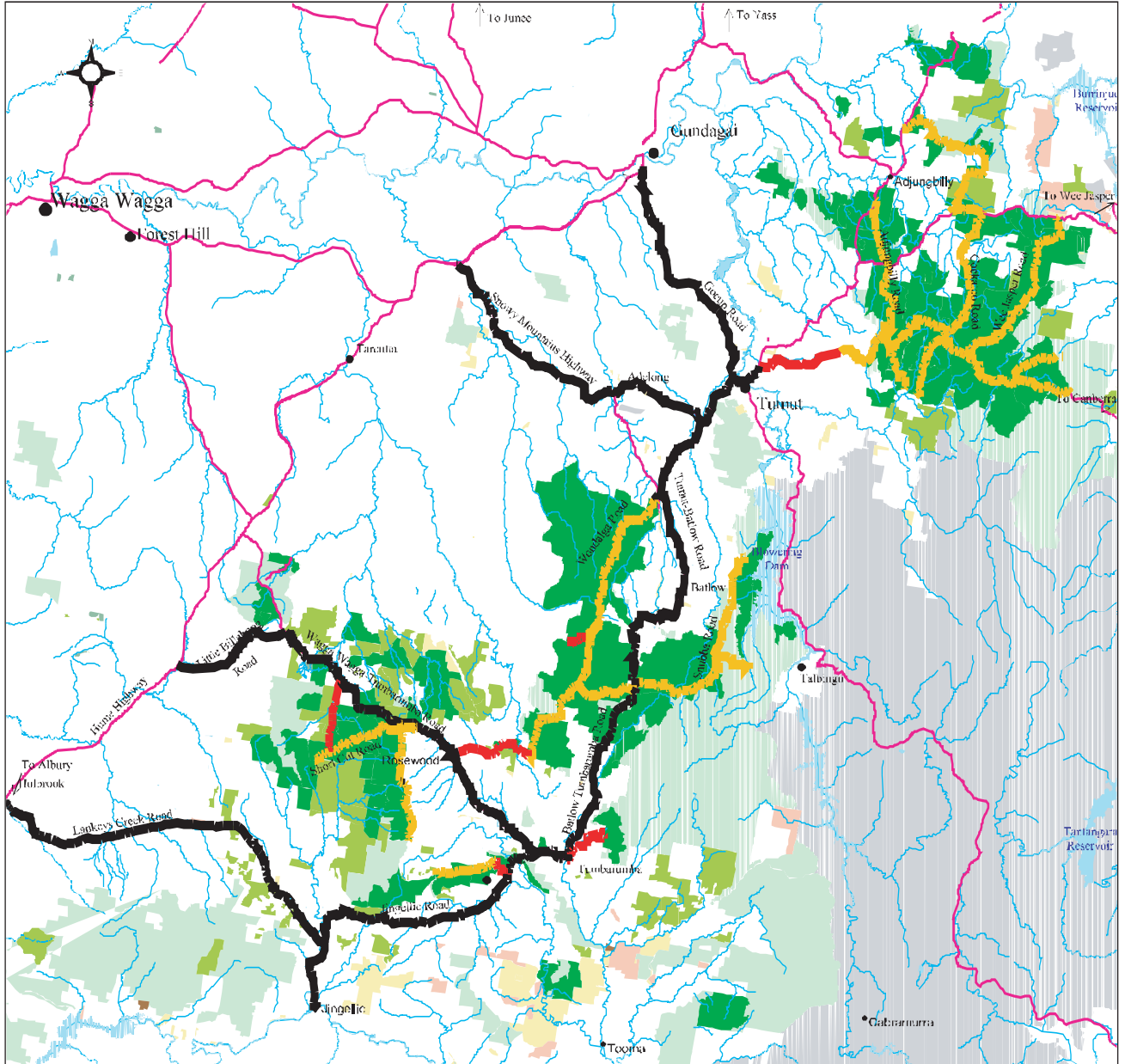
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ROADS



FACT SHEET SIX

Forest Industry Council



Map provided by Sijren Nellor
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FOREST INDUSTRY COUNCIL			
<p>South West Slopes Designated Timber Industry Haulage Routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Forests Road Shire Road State or Regional Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Centre Road Watercourse Waterbody 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Forest Plantation State Forest Native Private Plantations Vacant Crown Land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leasehold Land Nat. Park, Nat. Reserve etc Water Catchment Reserve Joint Venture

South West Slopes timber industry haulage routes

Roading is a hugely important part of all rural activity and especially the forest industry.

During the past 40 years, State Forests has cooperatively worked with local councils to improve the standard of local roads used for intensive softwood log haulage.

More recently, since 1990, the Murray and Riverina Regional Development Boards, local government and the Forest Industry Council have agreed to nominate the following roads (indicated on map) as the major timber industry haulage routes for the South West Slopes, and to focus haulage and expenditure on these roads.

Thereby, these organisations have been successful in obtaining funding to have these designated roads upgraded and maintained to a standard suitable for public traffic, as well as timber and other industries' heavy traffic.

A question is often asked: Why don't State Forests pay rates?

State Forests average annual expenditure of \$2.5 million since 1975 on maintenance and construction of local roads is well in excess of an estimated annual rate liability of \$350,000 (1992 valuations), which would be generated by its plantations for the South West Slopes region (South West Haulage Study 1997/98 update).

Along with other NSW government entities such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forests do not have a legal requirement to pay rates.

Further reading

- ▶ South West Slopes Timber Industries Haulage Study (1997/98 update).

Funding achieved is:

- ▶ State and Regional roads - \$6 million per year from 1992 to 2010
- ▶ Local roads - \$5 million from 2000 to 2003
- ▶ State Forests - \$2.5 million per year since 1975

Roads upgraded as a result of direct funding are:

▶ Regional Roads	Main Road 85	Gilmore to Wondalga Wondalga to Batlow Batlow to Tumbarumba Tumbarumba to Jingellic
	Main Road 278	Tumut to Bombowlee Creek
	Main Road 279	Gocup Road
	Main Road 284	Tumbarumba to Little Billabong to the Hume Highway
	Main Road 7602	Broadleaf Park / Rosewood Link Road (Taradale to Rosewood)
	▶ Local Roads	Bombowlee Creek Road
Lower Bago Road		
Pound Creek Road		
Mundaroo Road		
Carabost/Copabella Road		
Bombowlee Creek Road		
Canberra Road		
Wee Jasper Road		
Cockatoo Road		
Billo to Adjungbilly Road		
State Forests' Roads	Wondalga Road (Wondalga to Taradale)	
	Yellowin Access Road	
	Snubba Road	
	Lockinvar Road	
	Mundaroo/Cararoo Road	

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