

Effective harvestable area calculation	Central FMA (ha)	Central Highlands RFA (ha)*	State-wide	Data source
1939 ash regrowth currently remaining	25,264	46,296	69,957	Rounded estimate based on area of ash clearfelled since mid 1980s (around the time the Code of Forest Practice was implemented)
<i>less estimated area now inaccessible due to past logging (ie retained areas within previously logged coupes)</i>	10,000	20,000	30,000	Rough estimate based on net area of ash clearfelled since 1990
Remaining 1939 ash regrowth in as yet unlogged areas	15,264	26,296	39,957	
<i>less 1939 regrowth areas that will remain unlogged within yet to be logged coupes (ie buffers and Code restriction)</i>	7,632	13,148	19,979	Conversion of gross area of future coupes to net harvestable area (half the area of remaining intact areas)
Effective area remaining available to be logged	7,632	13,148	19,979	
<i>less 20% allowance for future fire losses in coming decades</i>	1,526	2,630	3,996	Recent VEAC Fibre and Wood Supply report assessed the likely risk of future fire losses at 20% of available area
Effective area available after providing for future fire risk	6,106	10,518	15,983	
<i>less prudent allowance for future flora and fauna protection requirements under the Code and FFG Act</i>	1,000	2,000	3,000	RFPG estimated provision allowing for future ecological protections, eg greater glider, powerful owl or Leadbeaters possum
Effective area available after providing for future fire risk and future ecological protection	5,106	8,518	12,983	
Current average annual harvest level	628	958	1353	VicForests data (annual average over 5 yrs) provided to RFPG on 8 March 2017
Estimated time required to completely log the entire effective available area at current rates	8 yrs	9 yrs	10 yrs	Dividing effective area available by current annual harvest levels

* Includes Central FMA plus Powelltown and Noojee Forest Districts