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|  | Adjustment to Felling Coupe Boundaries | Timing of Restocking | Change to Species | Windthrow Response |
| FC Approval Not Normally Required | 0.5ha or 5% of coupe – whichever is less | Planting up to 5 seasons after felling (allowing for fallow periods for Hylobius).  For natural regeneration up to 10 planting seasons after felling. | Change within species group, e.g. conifers: native broadleaves |  |
| Approval by Exchange of Email and Map | 0.5ha to 2.0ha or 10% of coupe – whichever is first |  | Greater than 15% species change | Up to 5.0ha – if mainly windblown trees between 5.0ha to 10ha in areas of low sensitivity. |
| Approval by Formal Plan Amendment | Greater than 2.0ha or 10% of coupe | Delay more than that described above. | Increased native woodland component.  Increase in native broadleaves and open/bog restoration. | Greater than 5.0ha |
| Tree Felling in Exceptional Circumstances | FLS will normally seek to map and identify all planned tree felling in advance through the LMP Process. However, there are some circumstances requiring small scale tree felling where this may not be possible and where it may be impractical to apply for separate felling permission due to the risks or impacts of delaying felling.  Felling permission is therefore sought for the LMP approval period to cover the following circumstances: Individual, rows or small groups of trees that are impacting on important infrastructure ( i.e. Forest roads, footpaths, access routes (vehicular, cycle, equestrian or pedestrian), Buildings, Utilities and services and drains) either because they are now encroaching on or have been destabilised or made unsafe by wind, physical damage or impede drainage.  The maximum volume of felling in exceptional circumstances covered by this approval is 75 cubic metres per Land Management Plan per calendar year.  A record of the volume felled in this manner will be maintained and will be considered during the five-year LMP review. | | | |

**Appendix 3 – Tolerance Table**