

PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 39

Date: August 2021	Focus Group: Log Production and Storage
Topic: Managing High Log Stocks	Issued by: Craig Fisher

Background and Incident: Global supply chain interruptions are impacting operations causing bush stocks to rise and we are often working very close to (or exceeding) the agreed specified log capacity on landings – see [ACOP 13.1.1](#)

Injury Details: No reported injuries but physical, wellbeing (stress), financial impacts on workers, and equipment damage are all possibilities.

Risk Awareness: Exceeding agreed stock levels reduces the room needed to operate machines safely thereby increasing machine and man-machine interactions. This may result in serious harm to workers, increased property damage and operator fatigue.

Safe Behaviours: The PCBU's (the Harvest Manager, the Harvesting and Cartage Contractors) must all agree on log storage capacity and record the 'number of loads' in the harvesting prescription and on the cutting instruction (cut-plan). The same applies to any proposed changes. Meeting the agreement requires each PCBU to play its part – not over producing, supplying timely trucking capacity, monitoring the supply chain, and feeding back on possible bottle-necks – [working together and applying the 3C's](#). Should stock levels rise to within 2 days production of the limit, a site meeting of the PCBU's shall record how stock will be safely reduced within an agreed timeframe. Ideally stock should not exceed the agreed log capacity minus one day's production.

For Site Manager:

Print and complete the following:

1. Discuss with employees/operators:
2. Place on site notice board or in file:

Site Manager: _____ **Date:** / /
(initials)

