

# PROPOSED BIOSECURITY LEVY:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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**Not to be confused with the current levy**



**HARVESTED WOOD PRODUCTS ONLY**

# WHY DO WE NEED A SPECIFIC BIOSECURITY LEVY?

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**Take a guess...**



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# One word - GIA

We are obliged to have a mechanism in place to fund biosecurity responses.



The current HWP levy does not provide enough income to cover likely response costs.



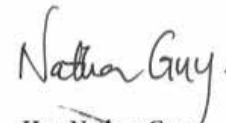
## GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY AGREEMENT FOR BIOSECURITY READINESS AND RESPONSE

This certificate confirms that

### *The New Zealand Forest Owners Association Incorporated*

Representing the commercial plantation forestry sector

Signed the Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response Deed on 05 November 2015



Hon Nathan Guy  
Minister for Primary Industries

# What is the Levy for?

## Response activities in the event of an incursion that could affect commercial plantation forest

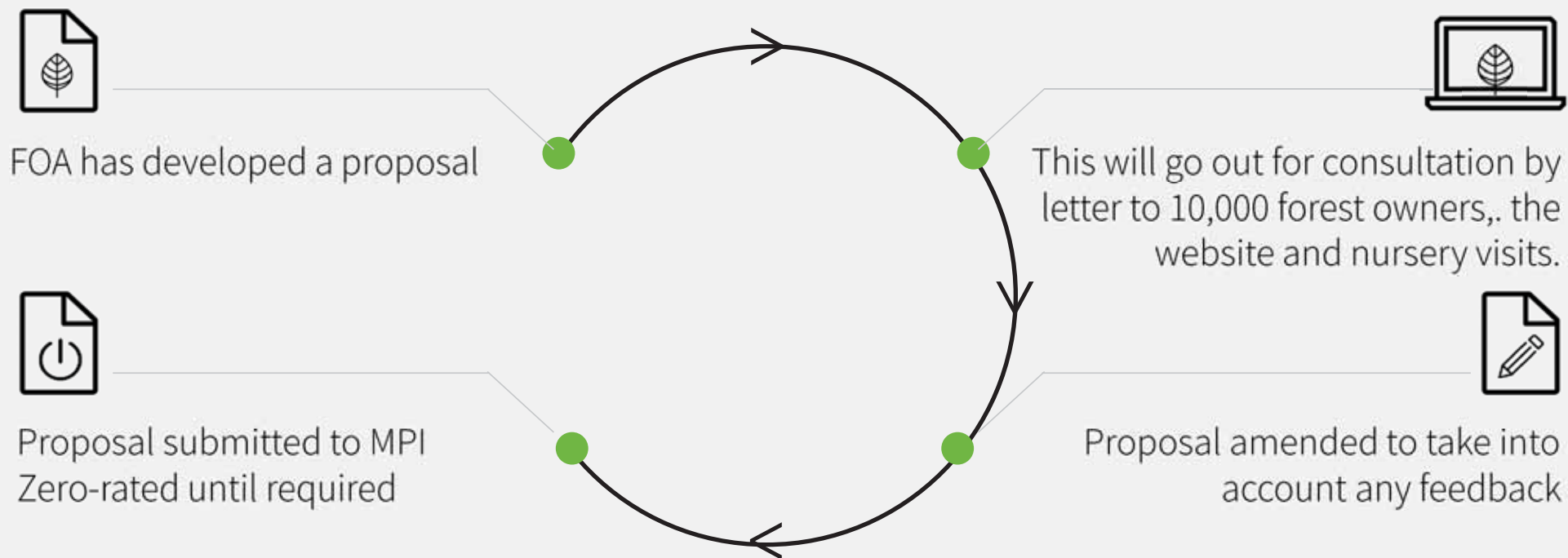


## Appendix 2 – Commercial plantation species

The following trees are those considered to be commonly grown for commercial purposes. Due consideration of species which are also less commonly grown will be given in a biosecurity response on a case by case basis, with particular concern regarding carrier species.

- Radiata Pine (*Pinus radiata*)
- Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
- Cypress (*Cupressaceae spp*):
  - Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*)
  - White Cedar (*Cupressus lusitanica*)
  - Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*)
- Eucalypts (*Myrtaceae spp*):
  - Shining Gum (*Eucalyptus nitens*)
  - Brown Barrel (*Eucalyptus fastigata*)
  - Mountain Ash (*Eucalyptus regnans*)
  - Sydney Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus saligna*)

# The process

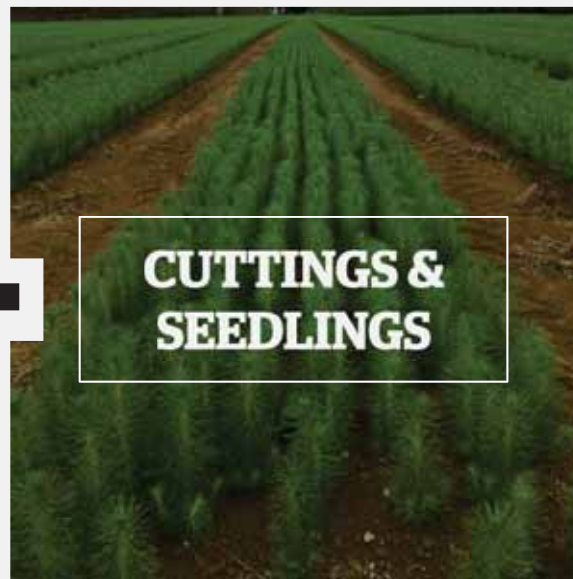


# What is the Levy based on?



**HARVESTED  
WOOD**

10 to 26c per tonne



**CUTTINGS &  
SEEDLINGS**

1c to 4c per seedling



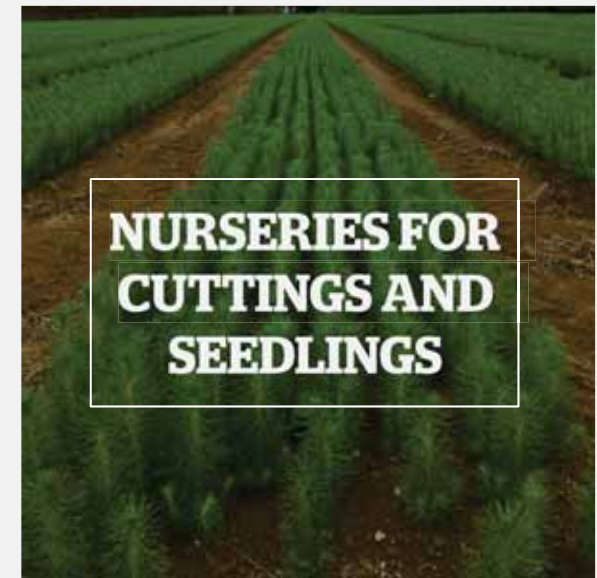
**Collection of  
\$10m per year**



# How will it be collected?



FOA will ring fence the funds for biosecurity response. No war chest will be built up, the Biosecurity Levy is on demand, activated at the time an eligible incursion and collected until the cap is reached.



# WHAT WILL THE LEVY MEAN FOR MY BUSINESS?

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# Pros and Cons



## PROS

- Allows us to take part in GIA as an industry partner – a seat at the decision-making table and joint responsibility for incursions that affect us



## CONS

- Additional cost for seedlings and cuttings.
- Additional cost at harvest
- Per hectare amount to be provided

**The current  
Levy costs  
about \$5 per  
hectare per  
year**



## A question for you?

**Would the industry be interested in regional meetings as part of the consultation process, or are you comfortable with communications from FOA without regional meetings?**

