

# Forest Certification Standards: Progress Report

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## Progress:

- “Late changes requested by Environment Chamber
  - High value conservation forests
  - Landscape considerations
- Draft out for public comment till 2 December.
- Single Economic Chamber response being prepared.

# Strategy

- East Coast hui postponed
  - Minimum requirement is a strong submission from Maori Forest industry
- Economic Chamber likely to reject changes on basis of industry's poor financial health
  - Minimise cost of standard
  - Force 'brand development' from ENGO's
- Separate development of NZ Standard to meet 'legitimacy threshold'

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## Ligitimacy Threshold Cont'd

- Ligitimacy threshold = mutual recognition
- Maintain access versus promotion/differentiation
- Process to date;
  - Protects NZ Standard from criticism by ENGO's
  - May encourage compromise
- Industry meeting scheduled 12 December 2003

## FIC Board Actions:

- Convey industry dissatisfaction to ‘influencers’ in other Chambers and Government; highlighting...
  - Threat to industry/ENGO co-operation established through the Accord
  - Bad faith in relitigating issues
  - The urgent need for support of forestry as “sustainable” industry by ENGO’s
  - The need for compromise and agreement to a Standard - recognising that it can be reviewed over time