

NZ Forest Owners Association Strategic Direction and Priorities

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What is the NZFOA?

The Forest Owners' Association is a voluntary organisation representing the interests of commercial forest growers. The Association has 260 members whose forest holdings represent approximately 80% of New Zealand's commercial forest estate. The members include all the major forest corporates, the majority of medium sized forest companies, many forest syndicates, and a number of farm foresters.



Vision

Plantation forests are a major part of the New Zealand economy, providing a range of sustainably managed products, and are acknowledged as an integral part of the country's regional development.



Mission Statement

To actively promote commercial forestry in New Zealand with a view to creating a favourable economic, political and social climate for the profitable operation of members' business in the commercial forestry sector.



Objectives

- Provide services which add value to members businesses.
- Promote forestry as an important part of New Zealand's national and regional economies.
- Achieve government policies which improve the performance of plantation forestry.
- Increase use of wood as the preferred product of choice in New Zealand and internationally.
- Reduce forestry production and compliance costs.



Major Current Issues

- Wood Processing Strategy
- Climate Change/FIFA
- Promotion of Wood
- Forest Certification
- Industry infrastructure/costs
- Protection of the forest asset
- Safety in the forest/logging trucks



Wood Processing Strategy

Industry/whole of Government Partnership

Useful outcomes to date:

- Regional roading funding
- Biosecurity
- Labour and Skills - recruitment



Climate Change

- Ownership of the carbon credits.
- Return of proportion of sink credits to the industry – FIFA
- Funding areas:
 - Deforestation liability
 - Forest health/biosecurity
 - Roding
 - Labour recruitment/retention and skills
 - Bioenergy
 - Market Access/Promotion



Protecting the Asset

- Forest Health Surveillance Scheme
- Forest Health Research
- Incursions of exotic pests and diseases
- Forest fire prevention and control



Forest Certification

- National Initiative – development of New Zealand standards
- Compatible with FSC
- Structure
 - National Initiative Working Group
 - Plantation Standards
 - Indigenous Standards
- Group Schemes
- Outstanding Issues
 - Reserves
 - GMOs
 - Chemicals



Infrastructure

- Land Transport Management Act
- Roading
- Council costs/restrictions
- Regional roading fund
 - industry standards
- Rail/barging



Safety

- Industry Codes of Practice and Guidelines
 - ATV's
 - Ladder Pruning
 - Hauler Towers
 - Trimming near power lines
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- FICA
- ACC Levies
- Log truck safety issues



Promotion

- Promotion of New Zealand wood - “wood is good”
- Positioning of forestry in regional / national economy.
- Promotion of careers in forest industry.
- Improvement in Association internal communications.



Other Current Issues

- Leaky Buildings
- Fumigation of export logs
- RMA

