



WELCOME TO THE **JUNE 2015** SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY BULLETIN

This edition has information on:

- » Exemption from Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) liabilities for tree weed species
- » Closing date for lodging emissions returns for registered post-1989 forests
- » Consultation on extending the look-up tables for exotic hardwoods
- » Consultation on the proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry.

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TREE WEED EXEMPTIONS

MPI is seeking notes of interest from forest owners to assess the likely demand for a new ETS tree weed exemption round. This exemption allows land owners with pre-1990 forest land comprised of tree weeds to deforest without incurring a liability under the Emissions Trading Scheme.

Once granted, the tree weed exemption applies to a specific area of pre-1990 forest land. The exemption is not affected by any change in land ownership. Deforestation of the land must be commenced within 24 months of the date of notification of the exemption and must be completed by the end of 2017. If the exemption conditions are met, the land retains its exempt status. This means further clearance or deforestation may be completed in future, such as if tree weeds re-establish on the exempt land.

To register your interest or request further information, email us at climatechange@mpi.govt.nz or ring **0800 CLIMATE (0800 254628)**.

CLOSING DATE FOR LODGING EMISSIONS RETURNS FOR REGISTERED POST-1989 FORESTS

Participants with registered post-1989 forest land can submit an emissions return up until the end of Tuesday 30 June 2015. Registered participants who are unable to submit a return before the closing date can apply for an extension of up to 20 working days provided the extension request is made before 30 June 2015.

If you require an extension or have any questions about submitting a return please contact us at climatechange@mpi.govt.nz or ring **0800 CLIMATE (0800 254628)**.

CONSULTATION ON EXTENDING THE LOOK-UP TABLES FOR EXOTIC HARDWOODS

MPI will shortly be consulting on a proposed amendment to the look-up tables for exotic hardwoods forests in the ETS. The current look-up tables only cover tree ages up to 25 years which means they cannot be used accurately for forests that are older than 25 years. The proposed amendment will result in values for carbon stock per hectare being included for trees aged 26 to 35 years. This will ensure that ETS participants can submit accurate emissions returns for their forests.

Consultation material will be available from 29 June. MPI will alert forestry stakeholders of the proposed consultation through this Bulletin. Consultation material will also be made available on the MPI website.

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR PLANTATION FORESTRY

MPI has recently launched consultation on a proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES).

If implemented, the NES would change how plantation forestry activities are regulated under the Resource Management Act, by introducing a single set of planning rules that is nationally consistent and better targeted to local environmental conditions.

Although an NES is a national regulation, the use of environmental risk assessment tools will ensure it remains responsive to local environments. An NES for Plantation

Forestry would also allow councils to retain flexibility in relation to some matters, such as unique natural environments, and cultural and heritage values.

During the consultation period, MPI will host a series of public meetings and hui around the country (see below for details). If you plan to attend, please RSVP to NES-PFconsultation@mpi.govt.nz. Please include the meeting you wish to attend and the names of those attending in your RSVP.

To learn more about the proposal and how to submit, please see the consultation material on the [MPI website](#). This material includes a consultation document and a number of related technical reports. All submissions must be made by **5pm, Tuesday 11 August**.

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HUI

Date	Location	PUBLIC MEETING		FORESTRY HUI	
		Venue	Time	Venue	Time
Monday 6 July	Wellington	Ministry for Primary Industries 25 The Terrace, Wellington	5:30pm		
Tuesday 7 July	Northland	Forum North Rust Avenue, Whangarei	11:30am	NuFlo Centre 9 Wynyard Street, Kawakawa	5:30pm
Wednesday 8 July	Napier	Masonic Hotel 2 Tennyson St, Napier	11:30am		
Monday 13 July	Rotorua	Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre 1170 Fenton St, Rotorua	11:30am	Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre 1170 Fenton St, Rotorua	5:30pm
Tuesday 14 July	Gisborne	Lawson Field Theatre Vogel Street, Gisborne	5:30pm	Lawson Field Theatre Vogel Street, Gisborne	12:00pm
Thursday 16 July	Palmerston North	Palmerston North Convention Centre 354 Main St, Palmerston North	1:00pm		
Monday 20 July	Nelson	Tahuna Conference Centre 70 Beach Rd, Tahunanui, Nelson	5:30pm	Tahuna Conference Centre 70 Beach Rd, Tahunanui, Nelson	11:00am
Tuesday 21 July	Hokitika	Beachfront Hotel 111 Revell Street, Hokitika	5:30pm	Beachfront Hotel 111 Revell Street, Hokitika	11:00am
Monday 27 July	Christchurch	Riccarton Park Function Centre 165 Racecourse Road, Sockburn, Christchurch	5:30pm	Riccarton Park Function Centre 165 Racecourse Road, Sockburn, Christchurch	1:00pm
Tuesday 28 July	Otago/Southland	Telford – A Division of Lincoln 498 Owaka Highway, Waitepeka	5:30pm	Invercargill Working Mens Club 154 Esk St, Invercargill	11:30am