

water and soil values and the likely impacts of afforestation. The Nelson/Marlborough Region has a diverse range of soil and water issues, making this region an excellent location to host a conference on this theme.

The session will also address how land management practices have changed with time and some of the biological risks associated with plantation forestry.

### **Environmental Sustainability and Social Implications**

Plantations forestry affects the community through its intensive use of resources. The conference will assess how forestry is perceived from within and outside the industry, how much influence this may have on future developments in the sector and how the forestry industry is to address these issues.

The Nelson/Marlborough Region will be used as the basis for study. However, the issues raised will apply to all regions with projected woodflow increases and as local authority plan requirements (as they relate to the Resource Management Act) are implemented.

Finally, the conference will review the achievements of the two years since the introduction of the Resource Management Act.

Registration forms and details of costs will be available in the next issue of NZ Forestry. Accommodation will be your own responsibility. Tahuna Beach Park office can offer assistance-Freephone 0800 500 501, Fax 03-548 5294. If you require information contact the Conference Secretary, Kevin Buck, C/- PO Box 7, Wakefield, Nelson, Telephone 03-541 8711, Facsimile 03-541 8844.

**Chas Perry**

# **NZIF Forest Valuation Working Party**

The NZIF Council is concerned at the lack of consistency in forest valuation practice in New Zealand. While appreciating that forest valuations are carried out for a range of purposes, Council considers that the variability in current approach has the potential to undermine the credibility of both the forestry sector and NZIF members working within it. Consequently, Council has set up a Forest Valuation Working Party to provide a leadership role in developing guidelines for forest valuation.

### **The Terms of Reference of the Working Party are:**

1. To develop guidelines for forest valuations which include:
  - a the purposes for forest valuation;
  - b alternative approaches to forest valuation for each purpose;
  - c standards of forest description;
  - e a checklist of valuation inputs;
  - f guidelines on reporting format including:
    - disclosure of valuation inputs
    - the methodology employed
    - disclaimers
    - reconciliation of change in value over time.

Forest valuation guidelines will, at least in the first instance, be restricted to the valuation of plantations in terms of monetary values.

- 2 To liaise, as appropriate, with other interested parties, both in New Zealand

and overseas, and if necessary, coopt other persons with specialist knowledge to assist in deliberations.

- 3 To recommend to Council means of implementing the guidelines including mechanisms for professional education.
- 4 To recommend to Council the desirability of, frequency, and format for collection and publication of commonly applied valuation inputs including log price information, discount rates and costs.
- 5 To recommend to Council the desirability of, and mechanics for the collection, analysis and publication of market values for forest sale transactions.

### **Members of the Working Party are:**

- Dr Bruce Manley, NZFRI (convenor)
- Alan Barnes, Tasman Forestry Ltd
- Peter Berg, ITT Rayonier NZ Ltd
- Peter Clark, P.F. Olsen & Co Ltd
- Steve Croskery, Forestry Corporation of NZ
- Jeremy Fleming, Cater Holt Harvey Forests Ltd
- Peter Gorman, Ministry of Forestry
- Bill Liley, Groome Pöyry.

The Working Party has met three times (to the end of September), and has commenced drafting forest valuation guidelines. When these guidelines have reached the 'exposure draft' stage, they will be widely circulated for review and feedback.

**Bruce Manley**

## **Forest Industries Exhibition**

The New Zealand Institute of Forestry has accepted an invitation by the organisers of the Forest Industries 1994 Exhibition to organise and run a central stand focusing on Forestry Investment. This exhibition is to be held in Rotorua next February. NZIF has been identified as an independent body of professionals who are in a position to present factual information to a public keen to learn more about forestry and the investment opportunities it may provide. The Institute jointly organised a successful 'Investing in Forestry' conference in Auckland last year and produced a set of Forestry Investment Guidelines earlier this year.

NZIF will run a series of seminars throughout the three days of the exhibition in February next year. The seminars will

be presented in a professionally packaged slide show format. In conjunction with the seminars a static display will run on forestry investment for individuals. The stand will be manned by Institute members.

All material will be prepared by NZIF members and seminars will cover:

Forestry Investment (Core Seminar): Bill Liley and Rob van Rossen.  
Forestry Taxation: Mark Blackburne.  
Forestry Investment Structures: Peter Clark.  
Future Markets: Denis Nielson.  
Current Markets: Murray McAlonan.  
Some Management Aspects: Peter Carter.  
Current NZ Forestry Ownership: Chris Perley.

The Institute's objectives in organising the FI 1994 stand and associated seminars are:

- (i) To provide an interested public with factual and independent information on private forestry investment.
- (ii) To raise the profile of the Institute with the public.
- (iii) To raise the profile of the NZIF Recognised Consultant.

The stand will not provide an opportunity for any individuals or organisations to promote themselves commercially.

Publicity is underway for this exercise through Profile Publishing's FI 1994 direct mailing, their Forest Industries and NZ Management magazines, and the Accounting Society and Law Society Journals.

**Rob van Rossen**