

INDIGENOUS FORESTRY REPORT

Council focuses on wide range of issues

At its September meeting, the NZIF Council considered the following issues relating to indigenous forestry:

1. DOC Efforts to Restrict Indigenous Forestry on Private Land

Advice was received that DOC is taking the Waimakariri District Council to the Environment Court on the basis that its rules on indigenous forestry are not tight enough. DOC is seeking 20 metre unlogged riparian zones on every waterway that has ever been known to carry water. It has been estimated that such a rule would render 30-40 per cent of private indigenous forest unavailable for production. Council decided to support NZ Farm Forestry Association and Federated Farmers in opposing DOC.

2. Forest Amendment Act

Hon Pete Hodgson as Minister of Forests has obtained postponement of reporting to the Environment and Local Government Select Committee on the Forests Amendment Act due to new developments and the Committee has extended its reporting to Parliament from 1 October 2001 to 30 April 2002. The new developments are that the lawyers and officials are claiming that SILNA (SILMA) lands were a gift (under Article III of the Treaty) and not compensation (in terms of Article II of the Treaty) arising from incorrect provisions in the original land purchases by the Crown.

3. Report on Transfer of Indigenous Forests Administered by TWC

A shortened report by the Officials Committee on allocation of indigenous forest administered by Timberlands West Coast is available. However the full report is available from DOC in Wellington for \$130.

4. Climate Change and Decisions at Bonn on the Kyoto Protocol

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided feedback to the public in two or three centres during August/September on the decisions made at Bonn, 16-27 July 2001, on the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change. The Christchurch meeting raised a number of questions on the official attitude to use of indigenous forests managed for production for sequestration of carbon. Those questions are being pursued with MFAT.

5. Weaving Resilience Into Our Working Lands: Future Roles for Native Plants on Private Land

This report is the result of a number of interviews undertaken by staff of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment. Submissions have been sought on the report by 31 October and the Institute is making one. The intention of PCE is to then prepare a recommendatory report on options and priorities for addressing aspects of dealing with indigenous biodiversity on private lands.

6. National Initiatives in Forest Certification

Institute members are involved in ensuring national initiatives in forest certification under the Forest Stewardship Council criteria embrace indigenous forestry.

7. Tane's Tree Trust

Council unanimously confirmed NZIF support for the Trust and a desire to be closely identified with its objectives. The emphasis of the Trust is to encourage planting of indigenous trees for commercial use.

Peter Allan, Convenor

NZIF Indigenous Forestry Working Group

CFK strengthens consultant base

Chandler Fraser Keating Ltd has strengthened its consultant base with the appointment of Barry Murphy (right) to the team as a senior consultant. Barry brings with him a wide range of forestry experience. He is also a chartered accountant with experience in auditing and finance. Director, Mike Colley, said:



"We are delighted to welcome Barry to the company. His particular talents enable CFK to offer clients a more extensive in-house service."

Prior to joining CFK, Barry was Manager Forest Resources group, Fletcher Challenge Forests Ltd. He will operate through the CFK Rotorua office but expects to participate in assignments throughout the country and overseas.