

# Environmental Policy Statement

Forest Enterprises acknowledges that forests are hugely important to the New Zealand environment.

We believe in sustainable and responsible forestry management and are therefore committed to managing the forests owned by Wairarapa Estate Limited (WEL) and Norsewood Estate Limited (NEL), in accordance with the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC®) Principles and Criteria, as set out in the FSC® Standard for New Zealand. Such compliance will demonstrate sustainable forest management.

Forest Enterprises aims to uphold the following principles for all forest land it manages.

On behalf of WEL and NEL, we will implement the following principles:

- Comply with all applicable laws, regulations and nationally ratified international treaties, conventions and agreements, as well as local environmental standards and appropriate voluntary codes.
- Aim to maintain and enhance the social and economic wellbeing of all people who utilise our forests for their income.
- Uphold indigenous peoples' legal and customary rights of ownership, use and management of land, territories and resources affected by management activities.
- Contribute to maintaining or enhancing the social and economic wellbeing of local communities.
- Efficiently manage our products and services to maintain or enhance long-term economic viability and the range of environmental and social benefits.
- Maintain, conserve and restore ecosystem services and environmental values and avoid any negative environmental impacts through applying the precautionary approach to management and operational decisions.
- Have a consistent management plan to promote adaptive management, guide staff, inform affected and interested stakeholders.
- Work towards achieving efficient management to monitor and evaluate the scale and intensity of risks.
- Ensure management activities are consistent with WEL and NEL's economic, environmental and social policies and objectives.

As manager on behalf of Wairarapa Estate Limited and Norsewood Estate Limited.



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