

Template 1 text

Dear Minister Guy,

I support smart, strong environmental standards for plantation forests in New Zealand – standards that give certainty and encourage the long-term sustainability of the industry.

A sustainable forest sector is one that protects our indigenous vegetation and habitats, protects our soils from erosion and our waterways and estuaries from siltation; and protects the fisheries that depend on them. It is one that takes a precautionary approach to GE by preventing the planting of GE tree stocks and contamination of the local environment; and continues to allow local communities to have a say on forestry practices.

In response to the draft National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry, I would like to see:

1. Indigenous vegetation and habitats protected from being over-planted with exotic trees;
2. Clear cut size limited to reduce erosion and sediment loss;
3. The use of overseas best practice by introducing larger riparian buffer zones and setbacks along rivers and around lakes and wetlands to protect their natural character and water quality;
4. My Council be able to prevent the prevent the release of GE material and introduce stronger controls to prevent erosion, control wildings and protect the environment;
5. Incentives to plant more diverse tree species to reduce fire risks and increase indigenous biodiversity.

Thank you.

[submitter name]

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Template 1 – number of submissions and overview of changes to the template

1,126 submissions used this template

- 759 submitters did not modify the template
- 360 submitters modified the template

Modified template submissions related to the following themes:

- Sustainability
- Democracy
- Economic impacts
- Reputation and national brand
- Biosecurity
- Food security
- Corporate greed
- Other concerns