

NZFOREST & WOOD SECTORFORUM

INDUSTRY PAN – SECTOR ACCORD

Objective

The NZ Forest & Wood Sector Forum is established as a pan sector body to provide for the Sector Associations to engage on issues of common interest or concern to the national industry and, where appropriate, to act as a spokesperson and point of contact for the industry with Government and other relevant bodies.

The Forum will improve communication throughout the supply chain to pursue ensure continued growth and to manage issues with the interest of the whole sector in mind. The Forum's collective advocacy should be for policies that are socially responsible, environmentally, and ecologically sustainable, internationally competitive, and profitable.

Principles of the Forum

The Forum Stakeholders will promote the interests of the sector, by:

1. Engaging in the forum to openly and without bias discuss and seek resolution of issues affecting the sector to achieve the best overall interest for NZ, (considering that a favourable outcome for NZ will best promote the interests of Members);
2. Promoting and representing a viewpoint of the sector as a whole* in relation to matters which may affect the sector or parts of the sector without limitation on topics addressed;
3. Interacting with Government regarding issues which may affect the sector;
4. Disseminating relevant information to regional and national sector;
5. Representing the sector on, and liaising with, national and international bodies;
6. Recognising that when the interests of industries within the sector materially conflict, or are in competition with each other, the Forum should not try to project a common view that does not exist, and accepts that the competing interests will be free to express their views and pursue their interests without restriction by the Forum. They should nevertheless try to minimise the scope of differences and avoid public statements or arguments that damage the Forum and the competing members.

*(*where a single sector viewpoint is not possible, the pan sector group will only provide and endorse those that are supported by 100% majority vote. Differing viewpoints are encouraged and will be advanced by members outside of the Forum under their own authority)*

Operating to these principles, the Forum is not intended to undertake commercial activities.

Goals of the Forum

It is agreed that the Forum organisations will proactively:

- Advocate at regional, national and international levels
- Facilitate and endorse world-class research on industry priorities
- Give the industry timely and strategic information
- Lead the development of practices which grow the industry as a whole
- Organise and promote sector-wide events and other industry celebrations and networking events

Forum Stakeholder Organisations

The current sector organisations involved in the Group include:

James Treadwell (NZIF), Te Kapunga Dewes (NPOT), Elizabeth Heeg (NZFOA), Neil Cullen (NZFFA), Mark Ross (WPMA), Jeff Illott (TIF), Prue Younger (FICA), Warwick Wilshier (LTSC), Joe Akari (FISC), Brian Cox (BANZ)

Industry Associations

With the aim to provide better and timely communication to the whole of the sector, the Group can actively use:

- the initial database of invitees to the Pan Sector Hui,
- the Forum's foundation members' database platforms to send out communications whether it be PR's, statements, surveys or newsletters.

Structure

As agreed, the Pan Sector Forum Group will decide the activities and make informed and appropriate decisions to take up actions that benefit and endorse the principles of the Forum.

The Group has agreed to be voluntary at this stage and future requirements for marketing, administration and management will be reviewed.

Meetings

The intended meeting frequency is quarterly with exception of special meetings that can be called by any member of the Forum.

1. Monday 4/12/23
2. Wednesday 6/3/24
3. Tuesday 4/6/24
4. Monday 26/8/24
5. Monday 2/12/24

Chatham House rules will be the base to all meetings to allow for full and frank conversations and only agreed Minutes will be distributed through to the industry.

Funding

As agreed, we will support the functions of this Group amongst Forum Stakeholder's resources on a voluntary basis with regular review. At this stage there will not be a requirement for funding.

Exiting the Forum

The Forum Stakeholders at any time can exit the Group if they no longer see value in the Forum. It is the intention to review the Stakeholder Group as we progress activities and co-opt as required from the broader sector.

As signatories of the ACCORD we agree upon all terms and conditions detailed above:

NZIF	NZFOA	FICA	NZFFA
WPMA	NPOT	LTSC	TIF
FISC	BANZ		