



### WELCOME

MAF has changed its name to reflect the new functions of the organisation following its merger with the New Zealand Food Safety Authority and Ministry of Fisheries.

The new name is the Ministry for Primary Industries, Manatū Ahu Matua (MPI). It came into effect on 30 April 2012.

The name was chosen because it covers all of the Ministry's work across the agricultural, horticultural, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry and food sectors, and the protection of our primary industries from biological risk. It reflects that we continue to be the gateway to Government for all of New Zealand's primary industries.

Here in Forestry and Land Operations we want to know what we can do to support the indigenous forestry sector. So give us your feedback as a registered sawmiller – what do you want to know, are there any major issues, how can we help?

#### Latest news

The Indigenous Forestry Development Group – an industry-led group focused on progressing the indigenous forestry sector in New Zealand – met with Hon Nathan Guy (the Associate Minister for Primary Industries) in May and raised various issues relating to

the opportunities and challenges currently faced by the indigenous forestry sector.

The Minister also visited the Structural Timber Innovation Company's earthquake resistant EXPAN building designed by engineer Andy Buchanan using the latest LVL engineered timber solution located at the University of Canterbury.

For more information on the Indigenous Forestry Development Group contact Bernie Lagan [bernie@lindix.co.nz](mailto:bernie@lindix.co.nz) or Jon Dronfeld [jonforestry@nzsfp.co.nz](mailto:jonforestry@nzsfp.co.nz).

### COMPLETING YOUR NEW QUARTERLY RETURNS

- » Remember to use the new quarterly return which replaces the old Part B. If you haven't undertaken any milling, the new form is the only one you need to return.
- » Don't forget to sign and date the bottom of the form!
- » You have 28 days to return your form.

### KAURI DIEBACK

Kauri dieback is a disease lethal to kauri caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora taxon Agathis* (PTA).

PTA spores in the soil infect kauri roots and damage the tissues that carry nutrients within the tree. Once a tree is infected it is fatal and there is currently no proven treatment. Symptoms including globs of gum at the base of trunks, yellowing leaves, reduced leaf size, thinning canopy, dead branches and sudden death. It is worth noting that infected trees will often be slow to show symptoms, particularly in mature trees that were healthy prior to infection.

As PTA is soil borne, its spread can be significantly slowed by ensuring all equipment and footwear is cleaned and disinfected prior to entering and subsequent to leaving a kauri forest (whether infected or not). Further information on hygiene procedures is available on the Keep Kauri Standing website at <http://www.kauridieback.co.nz>. It is critical that these procedures are followed to protect the resource.



All information and images sourced from <http://www.kauridieback.co.nz> 23/05/2012.

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