

LETTERS

Indigenous forest management

Sir,
Coming away from this year's Annual Conference of the Institute combined with the international conference of APPIA I had the distinct feeling that we who call ourselves production foresters have reached a new depth of depravity.

We have given overseas foresters the impression that no New Zealand indigenous forests are being managed for production - we have assigned the lot to the DOC museum.

We let an ignorant retired professor in Auckland burble on the radio about our indigenous forests being so valuable to our heritage that they are untouchable and that no one has proved that they can be managed successfully for sustainable wood production.

Yet we presented at our Annual Dinner a prize in memory of Frank Hutchinson. In 1983 I had the privilege of accompanying Frank to some of the experimental plots he established in Mahinapua Forest in 1933 and sharing Frank's excitement in measuring 50 years' diameter growth in these tended rimu stands.

Also at our Annual Dinner we presented a prize in memory of Curt Gleason. Curt's short life with us was spent in demonstrating how easy it is to manage West Coast beech forests and change senescent low-value ones to vigo-

rous high-value ones. Yet we give credence to the ignoramus of our society who tell us there is no evidence that our beech forests can be managed for sustained yield.

We are justly proud of our 1.2 million hectares of exotic production forest. But let us not forget we still have 190,000 hectares of sown indigenous production forest and another 124,000 hectares of private indigenous production forest - amounting to 21% of our total production forest estate. So, surely as kiwi foresters we have a yearning and responsibility to be more concerned than we currently appear to be about best silvicultural treatment of this greater part of our national heritage - this uniquely indigenous 21% - than the exotic 79% which grows elsewhere in the world.

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