

Table 4: Regional Wood Supply Forecasts (Average Annual Recoverable Volumes Million Cubic Metres/Year) - Base Cut

Wood supply region	1996-00	2001-05	2006-10	2011-15	2016-20	2021-25
Northland	0.8	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2
Auckland	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Central North Island	10.2	10.9	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6
East Coast	0.7	1.8	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.1
Hawke's Bay	0.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3
Southern North Island	1.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.5	2.6
Nelson and Marlborough	1.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
West Coast	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Canterbury	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Otago and Southland	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5
New Zealand total	18.8	26.6	29.1	29.4	31.0	31.3

It should be recognised that the harvest from New Zealand's planted forests is not regulated by the artificial regional boundaries used in this study. Planted forests are usually managed to maximise the benefits to the enterprise that owns them.

The forecasts in this report are essentially resource-based forecasts of the level of harvest attainable given the assumptions on yields, areas and harvesting constraints. This is not a prediction of how companies will manage the cut from their forests, nor is it a prescription for how their cut should be managed.

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Ex-CHH executive moves to Ministry of Forestry

A recent senior management appointment in the Ministry of Forestry reflects the organisation's desire to develop and enhance its business relationships throughout the forestry sector, says the Ministry's Chief Executive, Dr John Valentine.

Dr Valentine has announced the appointment of Mr Murray McAlonan to the position of General Manager, Forestry Development.

The new appointment, said Dr Valentine, signals a significant opportunity for the Ministry.

"Mr McAlonan has over 30 years' experience in New Zealand's forestry sector. During that time he has gained substantial knowledge, reputation and experience in his field," said Dr Valentine.

"His industry experience will be invaluable in helping us to achieve the best possible relationship with forest industry participants. In this way we in turn can do our job better - from working across the sector to help realise the high expectations for forestry through to our operational work such as protecting our forests from pests and diseases."

Mr McAlonan sees his role as building on the work already being done by the Ministry.



Murray McAlonan.

"I'm looking forward to helping bring the industry perspective into the Ministry,

while following my interest in the process of government."

Mr McAlonan's most recent management role was General Manager Planning, Wood Products for Carter Holt Harvey Ltd. The Wood Products' business units include Timber and Panels and Plywood, together with 36 "Carters" building supply outlets. Mr McAlonan's previous senior management positions included General Manager Timber for Carter Holt Harvey Ltd, Manager Kinleith Forest Region for Carter Holt Harvey Forests and Manager Forestry Department for New Zealand Forest Products Ltd.

He is also a past President of the New Zealand Forest Owners' Association and a former councillor with the New Zealand Forest Industries Council.

Mr McAlonan will be based at the Ministry's Auckland office. This is a new move for the organisation, and reflects the fact that most major forestry companies are based in Auckland.

Planning Tribunal becomes Environment Court

The Resource Management Amendment Bill (No. 4) was recently passed by Parliament and made a number of changes to the Planning Tribunal, including renaming it the Environment Court. Among other things, the Bill also:

- increases the number of judges that can be appointed from five to eight;
- includes alternate dispute resolution processes as a skill for commissioners (lay members);

- deletes the maximum number of commissioners;
- clarifies the powers of the Environment Court to being those of the District Court;
- widens the powers of a commissioner;
- gives any person representing some relevant aspect of the public interest status before the Court;
- gives protection for the legal status of community groups if they incorporate to protect individuals from costs.

An Interface

"Our job is essentially to create a climate where the industry can flourish and make its best contribution to New Zealand, by acting as an interface between industry and Government," said Mr McAlonan. "We provide industry with information that enables them to make sound, sustainable business decisions. In turn, we provide Government with advice that is based on the best possible information from industry."