

*There are around 130,000 hectares of land planted with pines in Hawke's Bay.*

Forestry and manufacturing employs over 600 people, makes up 14% of the region's primary industry workforce, and 4% of the Region's GDP. Well-managed forests can also support biodiversity and soil conservation.



## Key contacts

For general NES-PF related enquiries get in touch with the Consents Advisor **(06) 833 8090**

For funding options and advice for erosion control and the One Billion Trees programme please contact a Catchment Adviser at your local Regional Council office:

- Northern Catchment Team (Wairoa) **(06) 838 8527**
- Central Catchment Team (Napier) **(06) 833 8067**
- Southern Catchment Team (Waipawa) **(06) 857 8219**

## Other contacts

- Farm Forestry New Zealand Association **[nzffa.org.nz](http://nzffa.org.nz)**
- Hawke's Bay Farm Foresters Association  
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**[tetokatrust@gmail.com](mailto:tetokatrust@gmail.com) (06) 879 7962**
- Hawke's Bay Forestry Group  
**[hbforestrygroup.org](http://hbforestrygroup.org)**
- New Zealand Forest Owners Association  
**[nzfoa.org.nz](http://nzfoa.org.nz)**

# Forestry

*in Hawke's Bay*



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TE KAUNIHĒRA Ā-ROHE O TE MATAU-A-MĀUI

## Environmental management

*The National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF) took effect from 1 May 2018.*

The *NES-PF* has standardised conditions and consent requirements across New Zealand, to increase certainty and efficiency in plantation forestry while maintaining and improving environmental outcomes.

If you have a forestry block larger than one hectare that was planted specifically for commercial activities and harvest, then the *NES-PF* applies to you.

To understand what you need to do to meet the *NES-PF*, head to the *Ministry for Primary Industry's* website and look at the standards, the *Erosion Susceptibility Classification* and *Fish Spawning Indicator* mapping tools, and the *Wilding Tree Risk* calculator.

### The *NES-PF* sets out rules for eight plantation forestry activities:

1. Afforestation
2. Pruning and thinning to waste
3. Earthworks
4. River crossings
5. Forest quarrying
6. Harvesting
7. Mechanical land preparation
8. Replanting

Most forestry activities are permitted by the *NES-PF* so long as specific conditions to prevent significant adverse environmental effects are met. If these conditions can't be met, then you'll need to apply for a resource consent.

Before activities 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 begin, you must give written notice to the Regional Council through our website [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz), search **#forestry**, and in some cases your district council.

Activities 2, 7 and 8 do not require notice, but you must comply with conditions of the *NES-PF*.

**All notified harvesting requires a Harvesting Plan; most earthworks and quarrying require Management Plans and all river crossings (except fords) require design calculations.**

You can find what needs to be included in management plans under schedule 3 and 4 of the *NES-PF*.



## Liability

If you're entering into an agreement for another person or company to harvest the trees on your land, you will need to consider the environmental outcomes and potential liabilities that you will inherit during the works and once harvesting has finished. As the landowner you may be held liable for works undertaken by those who you have employed or contracted. Under the *Resource Management Act* you could be prosecuted for "permitting" the offence to occur, or by being vicariously liable for the actions of your employees or contractors.

There is further guidance on the Regional Council's website to help you understand your responsibilities and what your liability might be.

Go to [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz) and search **#forestry**. For further information visit the [MPI](http://MPI.govt.nz) website.

**See reverse for key contacts.**

