



# Environmental Management & Certification Policy



## Purpose

- To prescribe Ernslaw One's approach to environmental management within the forests that we own or manage and support our commitment to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) forest management certification.



## Policy

- The environmental performance of our whole operating environment (bio-physical, social and economic) will be monitored against our Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) and agreed NZ Industry Standards to enable us to determine how well we manage our forests and verify that we are achieving optimal environmental outcomes.
- Continual improvement of our environmental performance will be driven by both internal and annual external (third party) audits, which will highlight areas where improvement is required to achieve optimal environmental outcomes.
- Our EPP team will ensure that our planning and operational staff, and our principal contractors, have a working knowledge of the Forest Stewardship Council's principles and criteria and that our management systems meet the requirements of the NZ FSC® National Standard.
- All Ernslaw offices will make up to date summaries of our Forest Management Plans available to interested stakeholders on request.
- Ernslaw is committed to minimising levels of chemical use, and promotion of environmentally optimal methods of pest management across its operations. We will endeavour to avoid chemicals that bio-accumulate, that may leach in certain soils or that are highly ecotoxic. We will support Pan-Industry R&D and monitoring initiatives to guard against soil residue build up or other deleterious effects.
- Ernslaw will be active in supporting New Zealand forest growers' FSC® Economic Chamber's participation in international policy and local initiatives including research.
- All comments or suggestions for improvements should be directed to the head of our Environment Planning and Performance team who is responsible for coordination of the EMS.



## Owner

- Paul Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer



## Associated Documents

Document	Owner	Version	Date	Status
Environmental Management & Certification Policy Supporting Information	Peter Weir	2020.1	May 2020	Approved
Environmental Management System	Peter Weir, Head EPP	Varies by chapter	2020	Under review
FSC®NZ National Standard: NZ Indicators to deliver on FSC's Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship	FSC® NZ Standards Development Group (SDG)	Draft 3.6, replaces approved 5.7	2018, to replace 2013	Pending ratification by FSC International

