



CNI Forest Operations Health & Safety Forum – Chair Glen Coleman

Meeting Summary

Held 19 November 2024 at Toi Ohomai Institute NZ Waipa Campus with 7 in person and 4 by TEAMS.

Working Group Updates were received for the following:

- ACOP Working Group. Mark Preece – Completed drafting of 2.5 sections – A. Introduction and managing risk, and B – Health and Harvesting. A further 4 sections are all in circulation and are being sent out this week for feedback – feedback should be written to the email address and WS will have workshops next week.
- WS has been focusing on Section E Operational section and feedback received on the first sections. WS will carry on updating the two sections. Other sections are being processed and will be out before Christmas, then public consultation and expected to be finalised by the end of March. The time frame for feedback is open till March for all to use. Keen to get written feedback soon and from Focus workshops.

Health & Safety Standard Updates were received from:

FICA –

- AGM held in Rotorua with 120 attendees
- The Final Board meeting for the year was held last week and included a strategic review and budget
- ACOP review progress is taking too long but it is good to see progress, the short time frame for feedback is a concern
- Hard copies of Hauler BPG have been issued to members
- Certification and tree falling information has been shared with FISC auditors
- Queried why forest managers/owners are not accepting Safetree Certification, a joint submission has been sent.

Worksafe -

- Presentation from Mark Preece included – assessments are increasing, training new generalist inspectors, and improving consistency. Enforcements are approx. 30% of assessments. Working with FISC around data to be able to drill down in the groupings.
- Discussion on the Enforceable Undertaking option rather than paying a fine.

FISC –

- Presentation from Joe Akari included – feedback regarding the Tree Falling TAGs which are working on three workstreams; TAG1 Review of the BPG; TAG2 Manual Tree Faller; TAG3 Better quality data.

CNI Wood Council -

- AGM held in September
- The Generation Programme held in Tokoroa was completed last week

- Environmental working groups with BOP Regional Council and Waikato Regional Council are meeting regularly and are currently in discussions with Horizon's Regional Council to establish one (this will be in conjunction with SNI Wood Council)
- Forestry Awards 2025 will be run in-house and encourage feedback re: categories, nomination process etc

Training & Education H&S

- Competenz – 380 active trainees & 63 apprentices, the future shape of ITO's is still unknown
- Toi Ohomai Institute NZ – update of proposed disestablishment of the wood manufacturing and forestry programme including background and timelines

Other information for noting:

Submission on the H&S Law Reform – joint letter from NZISM, HAZANZ and Business Leaders H&S Forum, NZISM submission, joint submission from 61 companies

General Business:

- Manulife Investment Management – Hazard Alert – seatbelts
- Timberlands Ltd – recent incident at a construction site, a contractor cut through a live power cable
- Rayonier Matariki – Upset conditions use the 3D's to reassess situation – Dangerous (Risk), Difficult (Challenge) and Different (Change)
- MFM (NZ) – Working near water guidance material has been written and sent to contractors. This will be audited
- NZ Forest Managers – recently held a very successful silviculture day

Next meeting date – 25 February 2025

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