

Fire Strategy 2025–2030

Forests Owners Association / Farm Forestry Association Fire Committee



Our Vision: A sustainable, resilient forest industry protected from wildfire threats.

Our Mission: Working collaboratively to provide strategic leadership and governance delivering evidence-based operational wildfire solutions.

Our Purpose and principles

Provide plantation forest owners and managers with strategic guidance and coordination with respect to the 6 Rs of fire, fostering collaboration and cohesion to minimise the occurrence and impact of wildfires on plantation forestry.

The Fire Committee will operate across the 6 Rs in a way that acknowledges the diversity of forest ownership through being co-ordinated, collaborative, resilient, proactive, responsive, and future focused.

The Strategic Framework

1. Sets a direction for the FOA/FFA Fire Committee to guide planning and priority setting to 2030
2. Clarifies the committees' drivers and priorities to other key stakeholders and partners
3. Provides a reference for coordinating and managing alignment across the other work programmes and committees
4. Help the committee to realise the broader partnership context and work collaboratively across the industry
5. Provides direction on bringing the Plantation Forestry Rural Fire Control Charter to life

Key Result Areas

1. Emerging risks identified and planned for, plans regularly reviewed
2. All levels of industry proactively implementing best practice
3. Increasing public understanding of wildfire risks and reduction strategies
4. Constructive and collaborative relationship with FENZ
5. Active participation by industry with ongoing training capability and competency analysis
6. Successful delivery of FOA/FFA fire committee annual work plan

Focus Areas and Outcomes

Relationships

Effective communication and collaboration with partners and stakeholders

Risk Reduction

Working collaboratively with partners and stakeholders to leverage off world class reduction strategies

Readiness

Monitoring the fire readiness of the forest industry across NZ

Response

Robust systems and processes to ensure timely and effective responses to fire and other incidents

Recovery

Helping to minimise adverse impacts of wildfire and fire suppression for everyone involved

Research

Utilising evidence-based learning and supporting continual improvement

Strategic Drivers

1. FENZ and the (changing) Emergency Management landscape
2. Legislation, including environmental governance
3. Public perception, social license and the importance of communication
4. Technology
5. Our people – understand the capability and capacity of our people and resources
6. Collaboration and cohesion across sectors, partners, and stakeholders
7. Climate, land use and risk profiles

Critical Shifts

1. Mature and collaborative relationships
2. Fit for purpose and resilient capability and competence
3. Future planning based on emerging risks
4. Public attitudes and behaviours

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Implementation Plan

Delivery

Actions	Status	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1 Develop a multi-year work programme							
1.1 Annual work programme							
1.2 Multi-year work programme							
2 Communications strategy							
2.1 Annual communications plan	In development						
2.2 Update/upgrade the Charter to make it more specific, targeted, and measurable	Underway						
2.3 Update Forest Fire Risk Management Guidelines	Underway						
3 Research Strategy							
3.1 Capability survey vs capacity required – including FENZ capacity to respond and forest owners' expectations of response – needs analysis Training availability and quality							
3.2 Wildfire spending and investment survey of forest owners (alternating with training)							
3.3 Industry aircraft operational use survey							
3.4 Emerging risks and mitigation plans							
4 Relationship Strategy							
4.1 Influence – proactively work to influence at all levels							
4.2 Relationships – foster collaborative and constructive relationships at all levels							