

FBRC Company Profile

The Forest Biosecurity Research Council is an unincorporated joint venture that has been established by the members (see Membership) to oversee research to protect New Zealand's forests from biosecurity threats, such as insects and fungi, and also research to ensure safe and profitable trade in wood products. The Members considered that there was a need to ensure that limited research funds were as well targeted as possible at the key short- and long-term issues.

Funding for the research programmes mainly comes from the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology through research grants to NZ Forest Research Institute Ltd (NZFRI) and to Lincoln University's Bio-protection Centre of Research Excellence (Lincoln CORE) and from a levy administered through the NZ Forest Owners Association.

The FBRC's main tasks are to develop and maintain a research strategy and to oversee its implementation through research projects, mainly conducted by researchers within NZFRI and Lincoln CORE.

The FBRC has close links with the Forest Health Research Collaborative and the NZFOA Forest Health Committee.

FBRC Objectives

The Objectives of FBRC are to:

1. establish a forest biosecurity research, science & technology strategy;
2. manage the implementation of the strategy;
3. share information and findings from Research Projects with all Members and, where appropriate, the wider forestry sector and the general public of New Zealand;
4. work with other persons for the purpose of this Agreement;
5. provide effective management of research programmes
6. obtain funding to enable Research Projects to be undertaken, if and when required, subject to clause.