

Otago-Southland Forest Products Industry Meeting  
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**Date:** Wednesday 8 February 2012

**Venue:** Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha

**When:** 5.30pm - Refreshments, 6.00pm - NZFOA Presentation

To start the year the **Southern Wood Council (SWC)**, in conjunction with the **NZ Forest Owners Association (NZFOA)** and local branch of the **NZIF**, have planned a short evening meeting and presentation on **Wednesday 8 February** in Balclutha.

**What's the meeting about?** For some time now NZ Forest Products companies have raised the issue of a levy – the idea being to fairly fund a raft of activities. The response and backing for a levy based on logs harvested has been muted for a variety of reasons. Its time may now have come.



The NZFOA is currently developing a proposal for a levy, under the Commodity Levies Act 1990, on logs from plantation forests. If approved it will be on harvested logs of all species, including both export logs and logs processed in New Zealand.

**Background:** For plantation forestry to achieve its full potential, the industry needs the NZFOA to be truly representative of everyone in the sector. Although the Association is well supported by member's subscriptions and levies, many non-members are also benefitting.

Forest owners are now being consulted and a referendum will follow in mid-2012. To be adopted, the levy must win the support of a majority of owners, both by number and by forested area. Levy payers will then be consulted each year on spending priorities.

The focus now is on developing the draft proposal which will form the basis of the referendum. The Balclutha meeting is one of a series being held around the country to outline the proposal and get your input.

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**Meeting format:** David Rhodes, CEO of the NZFOA together with NZFOA Council members will be presenting the concept of a new levy to the industry in the lower South Island on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. If time, several other issues including updates on NZ Wood, WoodCo and the ETS could also be covered.

**So what do you need to do?**

Come along as, if adopted, it's very likely that this is going to impact on both you and your operation. For catering purposes, **E-mail: [kerry.apthorp@innovatek.co.nz](mailto:kerry.apthorp@innovatek.co.nz)** OR **Fax: 03 470 1906** this page with names and details of your attendance.

The good news is that there is no cost for the light refreshments beforehand and a cash bar will be operating from 5.30pm.

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