



**To Whom it may concern:**

**Pacific Forest Products is one of the largest log exporters out of New Zealand. PFP has been operating since 2002 and over that time has exported 41,246,181m3 of logs to the value to US\$5.2 billion.**

Pacific Forest Products supports the application to the EPA for the use of EDN as a fumigant for wood and timber products to help future proof New Zealand's third biggest export earner.

New Zealand log and timber exporters need an alternative for methyl bromide. As a company PFP is very concerned that methyl bromide may no longer be available for use in the future. PFP currently exports approximately

- 5,000,000m3 annually to the China, India, Japan and Vietnam.
- 35% of our exports in an average year are treated with methyl bromide.

Our exports are sourced from all over North Island and most of the southern South Island. PFP currently exports out of Marsden Point, Tauranga, Gisborne, Napier, Timaru and Dunedin. PFP directly employs 25 people and indirectly employees hundreds of others through a number service providers and contractors at Ports around New Zealand. We purchase logs from Forest Owners who employ logging crews and transport contractors amongst others that has a flow on affect to all those business that service and supply those operations.

If we were unable to export the logs currently treated with methyl bromide not only would PFP's profitability be affected but the number of people we employ and sub contract will be impacted and proportionally reduced, this would be felt right through the supply chain.

PFP is also concerned that the flow on effects of being unable to export these logs would compound the negative impacts on our business. Specifically the

- domestic price we receive for wood and wood products will fall due to an oversupply of logs

- export prices will not increase because of the competition from other countries.
- Forestry as a productive land use would be seriously jeopardised.

We therefore hope the EPA looks favourably on the EDN application to help the Forest Industry (and all those peoples who's livelihoods depend on it) can continue to operate successfully.

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