

Port Blakely presentation to the DMC of the EPA hearing into registration of EDN

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Port Blakely

- Port Blakely has never been as optimistic about the future of forestry as it is currently
- As part of it's "Fit for a better world strategy" the NZ govt is relying heavily on the forest sector to add an additional \$2B export earnings by 2030
- Having said this, pressures on the supply chain into the export market are mounting
- Port Blakely is a forest owner exporting logs into the international market
- The majority of Port Blakely's estate is located in regions without any significant domestic processing capability
- Port Blakely has relied heavily on fumigation to access export markets in the past
- Port Blakely operates at a scale that limits the opportunity for alternative phytosanitary instruments [e.g joule heating and debarking]
- Port Blakely is increasingly dependent on fumigants to access our international markets
- Pest incursions into NZ represent the single biggest risk to our forest assets in NZ and we need fumigants as a prophylactic treatment of imports
- EDN represents a significant addition to an ever shrinking phytosanitary toolbox

The need for a decision which

- founded on science
- acknowledges the critical importance of the export log market to the New Zealand economy
- adequately addresses the risks associate with the use of fumigants
- provides certainty for the industry and our trading partners
- acknowledges that trading partners are waiting for the EPA DMC decision before approving EDN in their treatment schedules