

# Forestry Presentation

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# Glossary of Forestry Terms

**Clearwood** – Sawn lumber with no defects recovered mainly from pruned logs

**Clearfell** – Harvesting all trees in a forest

**Continuous Cover** – Continuous canopy cover in a forest

**Carbon Forest** – Forest registered in the Emissions Trading Scheme that may or may not be harvested

**Production Plantation Forest** – Forest grown and managed to be Clearfelled

**Exotic Forest** – species not native to New Zealand (eg Radiata pine)

# NZ Exotic Forest Summary

Area and standing volume statistics	As at 1 April 2017	As at 1 April 2018	As at 1 April 2019
<b>Forest area</b>			
Net stocked area (ha)	1,706,429	1,704,494 <sup>1</sup>	<b>1,696,584</b>
<b>Growth characteristics</b>			
Standing volume (000 m <sup>3</sup> )	472,715	482,511	<b>494,618</b>
Average standing volume (m <sup>3</sup> /ha)	277	283	<b>292</b>
Area-weighted average age (years)	17.39	17.63	<b>17.91</b>
<b>Area by species<sup>3</sup></b>			
Radiata pine (ha)	1,535,510	1,532,444	<b>1,525,711</b>
Douglas-fir (ha)	103,726	104,258	<b>103,410</b>
Cypress species (ha)	9,855	9,928	<b>9,825</b>
Other softwoods (ha)	22,539	23,378	<b>23,381</b>
Eucalypts (ha)	22,307	22,148	<b>21,777</b>
Other hardwoods (ha)	12,492	12,339	<b>12,481</b>



# Radiata Pine

- Most common NZ exotic plantation species (1.7 million ha)
- Significant R&D on tree stock, management, harvesting & processing
- Relatively short rotation (23-28 years)
- Full log use – Sawlog, treatment, pulp
- Excellent machining – cutting, drying, planning, gluing
- High acceptance in overseas markets – plantation forest, pine, clearwood
- Established infrastructure – harvesting, transport, mills, export
- High carbon sequestration
- Mono-species exposure to pests & disease

# Alternative Forest Options

## Redwoods

- Approx 4000ha stocked plantation areas
- Plantations established by US companies with existing end market
- Proven growth and performance – 35-45 year rotation
- Carbon sequestration similar to Radiata
- Log price est +\$20/tonne vs Radiata

## Eucalyptus

- Common hardwood species in NZ (22,000ha), mainly for chip
- Hardy, high growth rates
- Some species have good timber characteristics, some terrible
- Higher carbon sequestration
- Log price est -\$15/tonne vs Radiata

## Minor Plantation Species

Other pines; *P. nigra*, *P. muricata*, *P. ponderosa*

Other softwoods; *Redwoods*, *Larch*, *Cryptomeria*, *Cypress*

Indigenous species<sup>1</sup>; *Kauri*, *Tōtara*, *Beech*

Other hardwoods; *Poplars*, *Acacia*, *Willows*, *Black Walnut*, *Paulownia*, *Oaks*

Non-durable eucalypts; *E. obliqua*, *E. fastigata*, *E. regnans*, *E. nitens*,  
*E. saligna*, *E. botryoides*, *E. pilularis*, *E. muelleriana*

Durable eucalypts; *E. globoidea*, *E. bosistoana*, *E. quadrangulata*.



Source: NZ Forest Owners Association  
Facts & Figures 2019/20

# Alternative Forest Options

## Native (Indigenous) Species – mainly Totara, Kauri & Beech

### *Pros*

- Funding becoming available for planting(?)
- High end established market
- Must register with MPI if planted as a production forest

### *Cons*

- Slow growth rates (40-80 years)
- Expensive to plant and manage
- Low Carbon sequestration
- Risk of law change on plantation registration

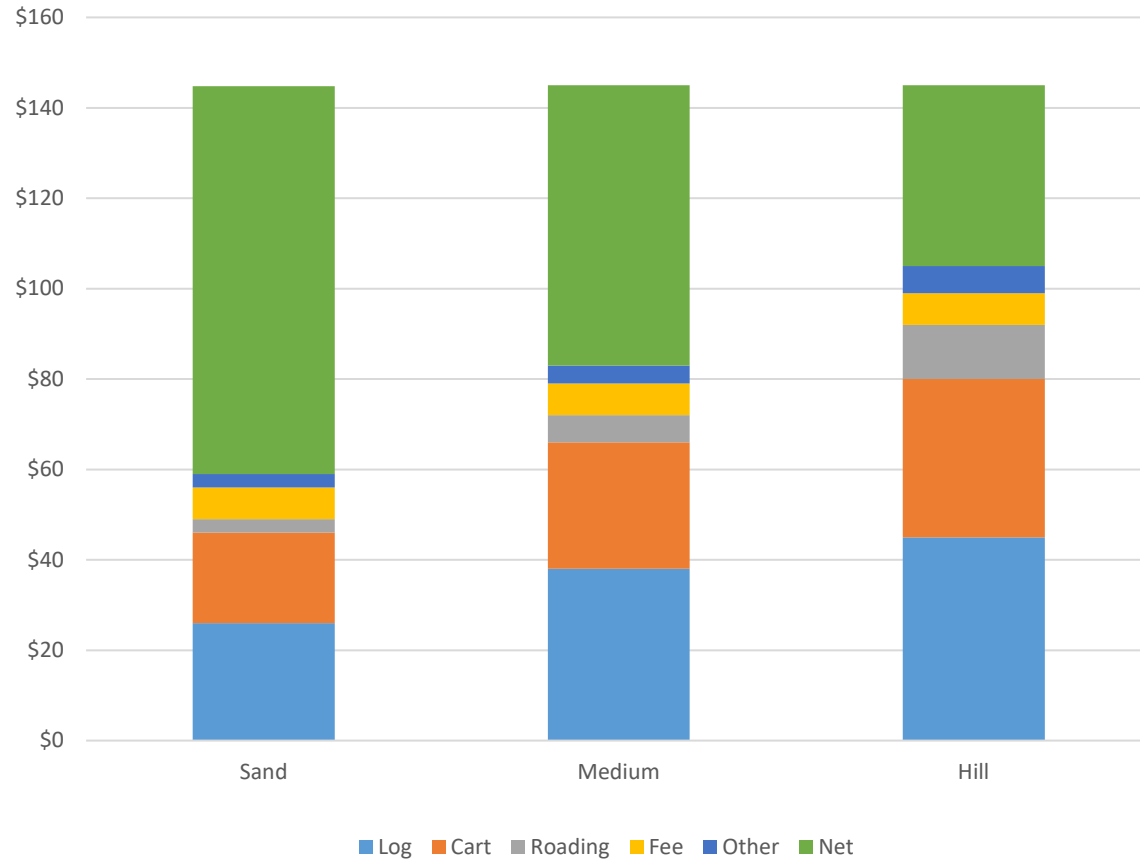
# Exotic Forest Returns - Radiata

- **Outputs are dependent on inputs**
- **Get advice!**
- **Net returns heavily dependant on costs of extraction and transport costs**
- **Focussed forest management will yield higher grade recovery**
- **Thinning is ESSENTIAL, Pruning recommended but optional**
- **Have management plan when you plant – manage to identified markets**
- **Health & Safety and Environmental compliance MUST be considered when making establishment & management decisions**



# Example Logging Returns – Radiata \$/tonne

Harvesting Net Returns Example \$/tonne

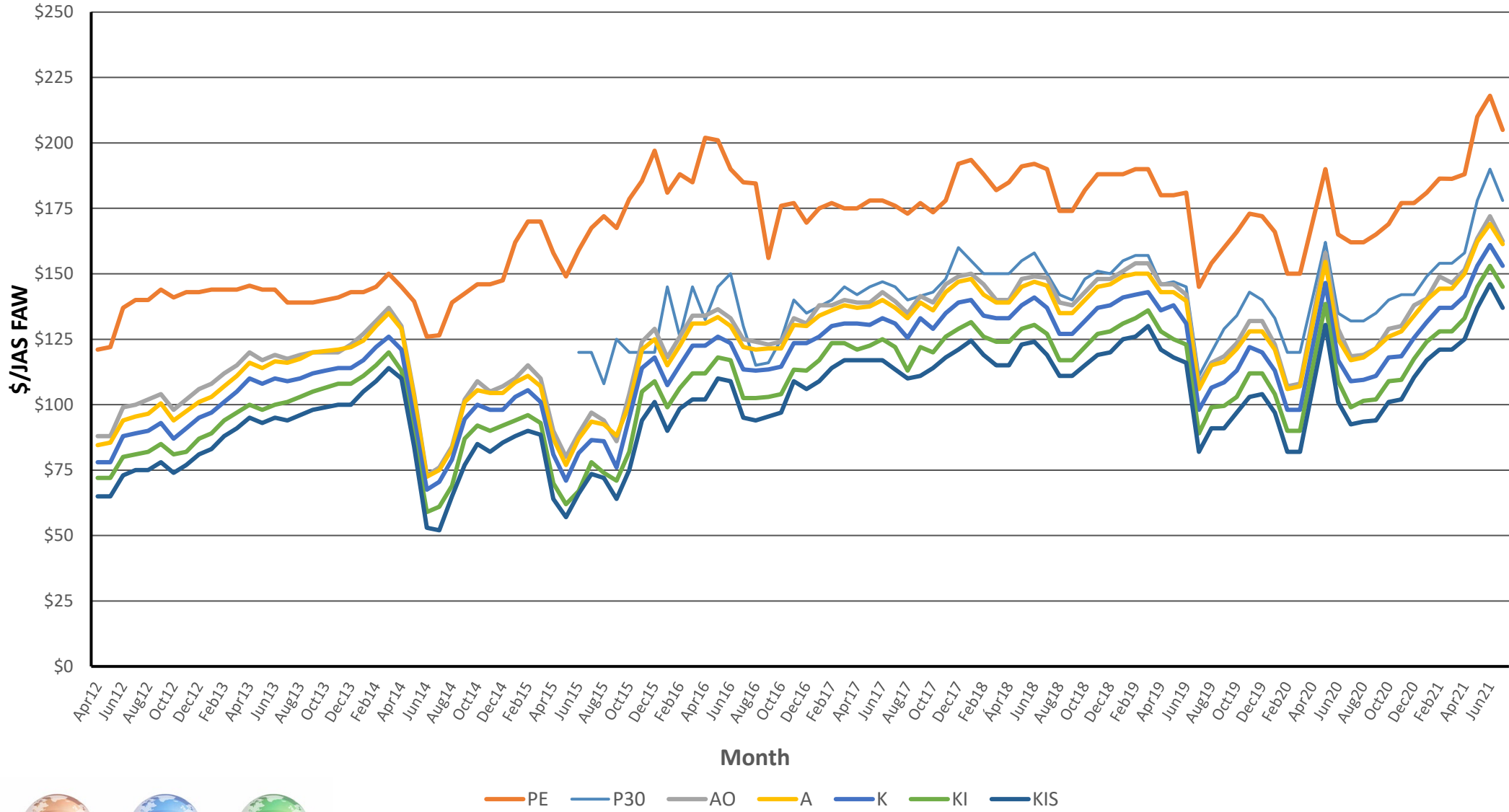


	Sand	Medium	Hill
Ave Log Price	142	142	142
Log	\$26	\$38	\$45
Cart	\$20	\$28	\$35
Roading	\$3	\$6	\$12
Fee	\$7	\$7	\$7
Other	\$3	\$4	\$6
Net	\$86	\$62	\$40



Source: Transglobal Connections Ltd

# Spot Log Price AWG \$/JAS ex Port of Wellington

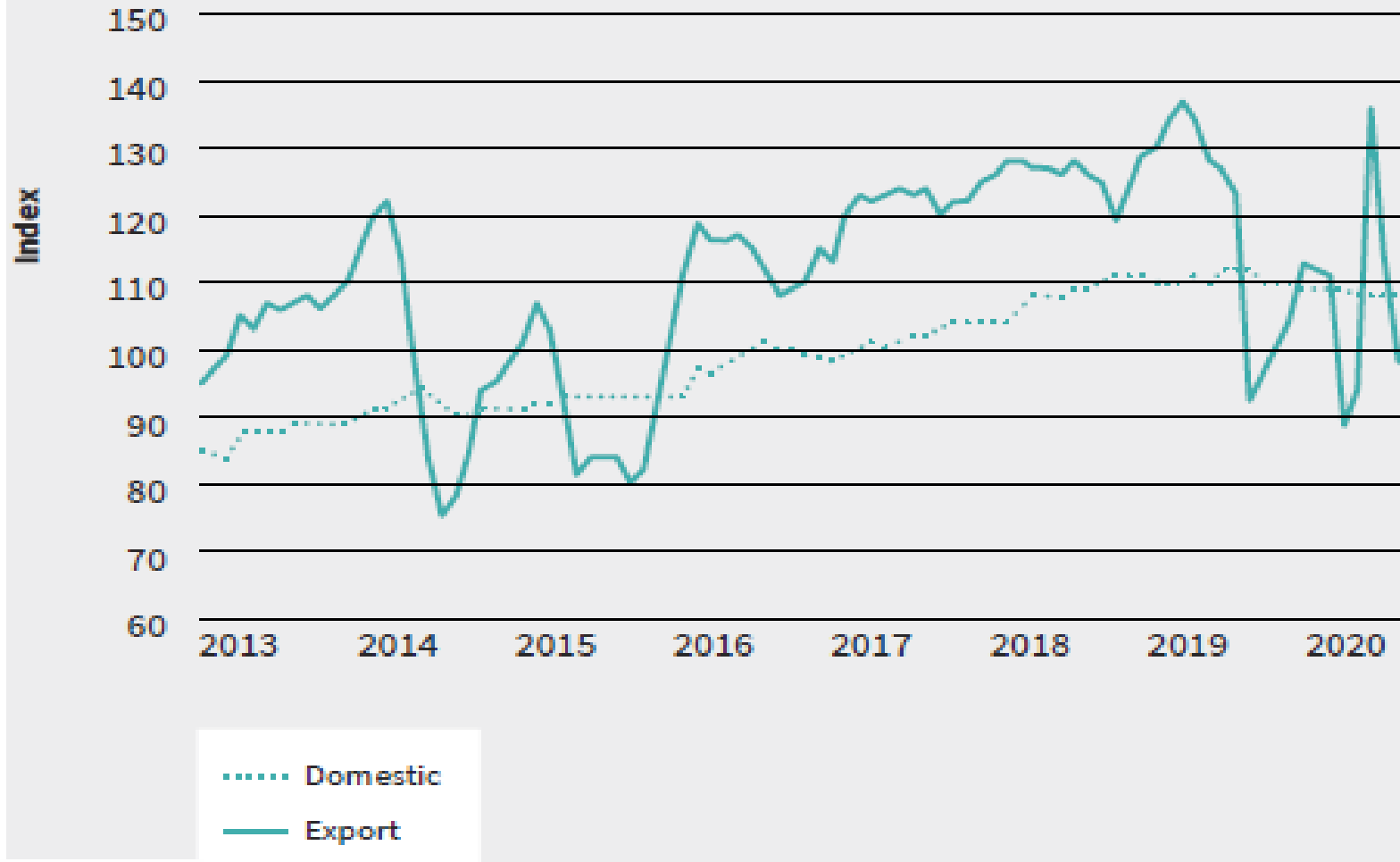


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# Export and Domestic Log Prices

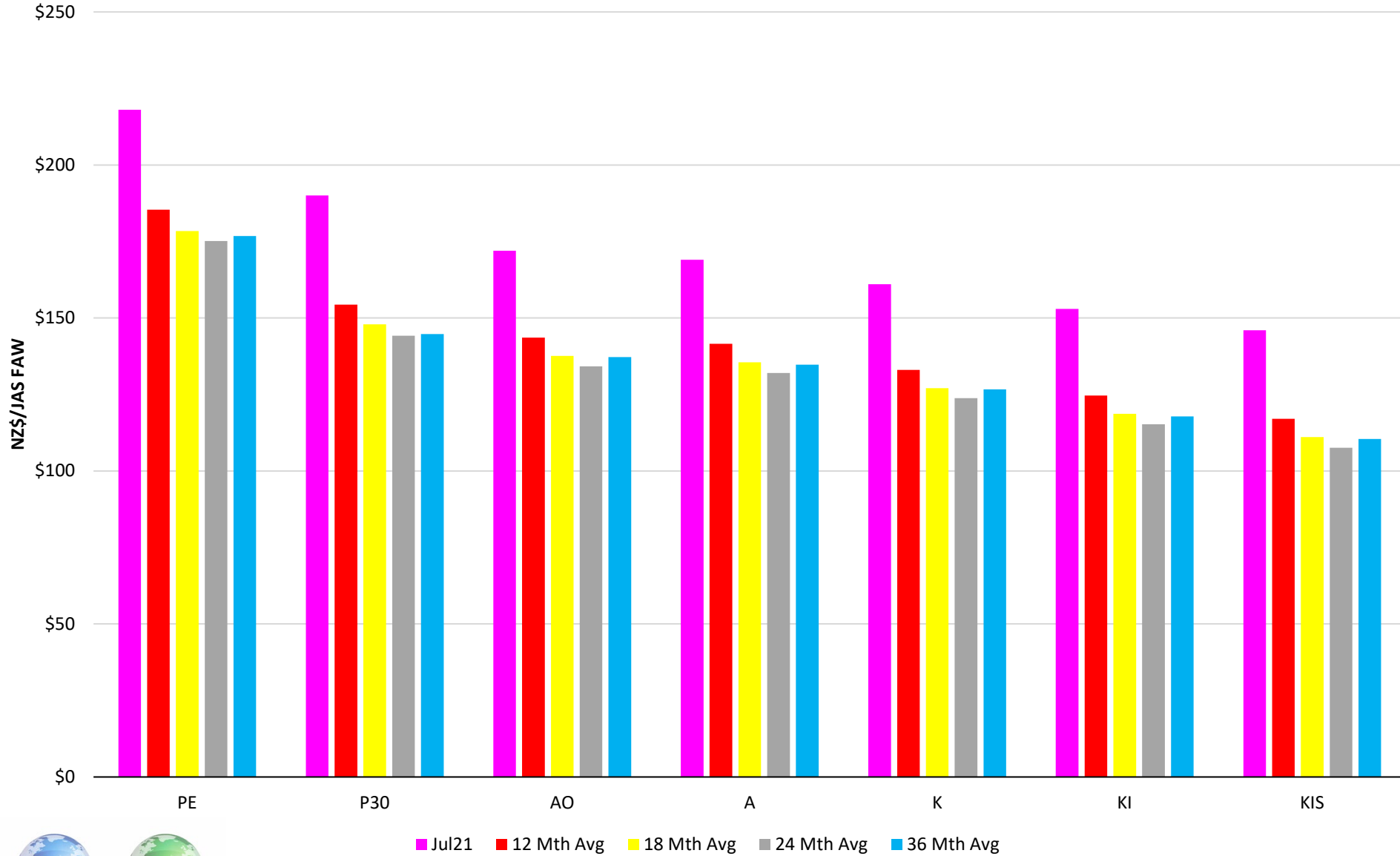
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## Average Export Prices ex Wellington at July 2021

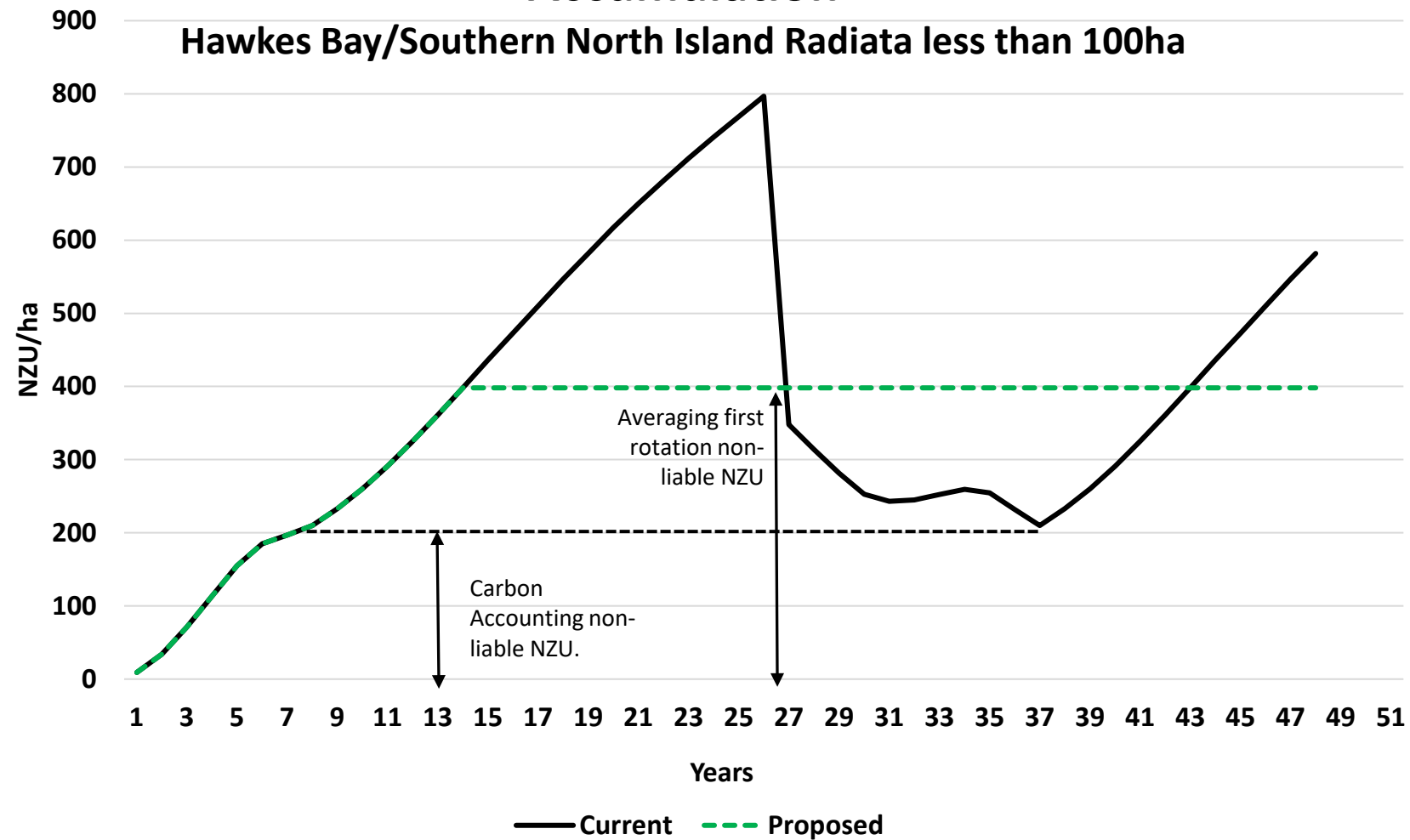


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# Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)

- **First rotation only on bare land at 1990**
- **Three main variants:**
  - **Carbon Accounting (Sawtooth) – not available from 2023**
  - **Averaging**
  - **Permanent Post89 (50 years)**
- **Minimum 1ha in area**
- **Width wider than 30m for minimum area**
- **30% canopy area at maturity (max 15m between edge of canopy)**
- **Species must meet ETS specification**

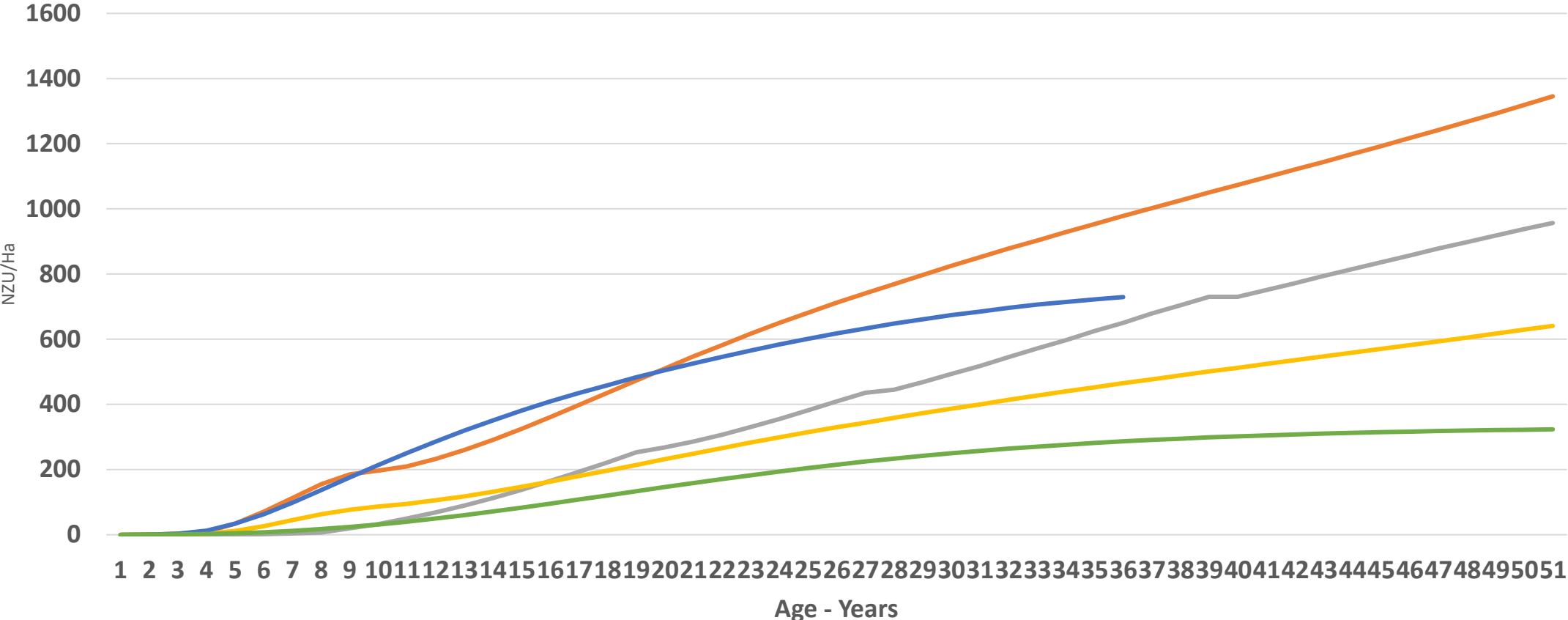
# Carbon Accounting vs Averaging Radiata NZU Accumulation



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NOTE: Averaging levels of NZU accumulation have not been confirmed  
Source: MPI Publications

# Carbon Stock Growth by Species – Post89 Hawkes Bay/Southern North Island <100ha



— P. Rad — D. Fir — Exotic SW — Exotic HW — Indigenous



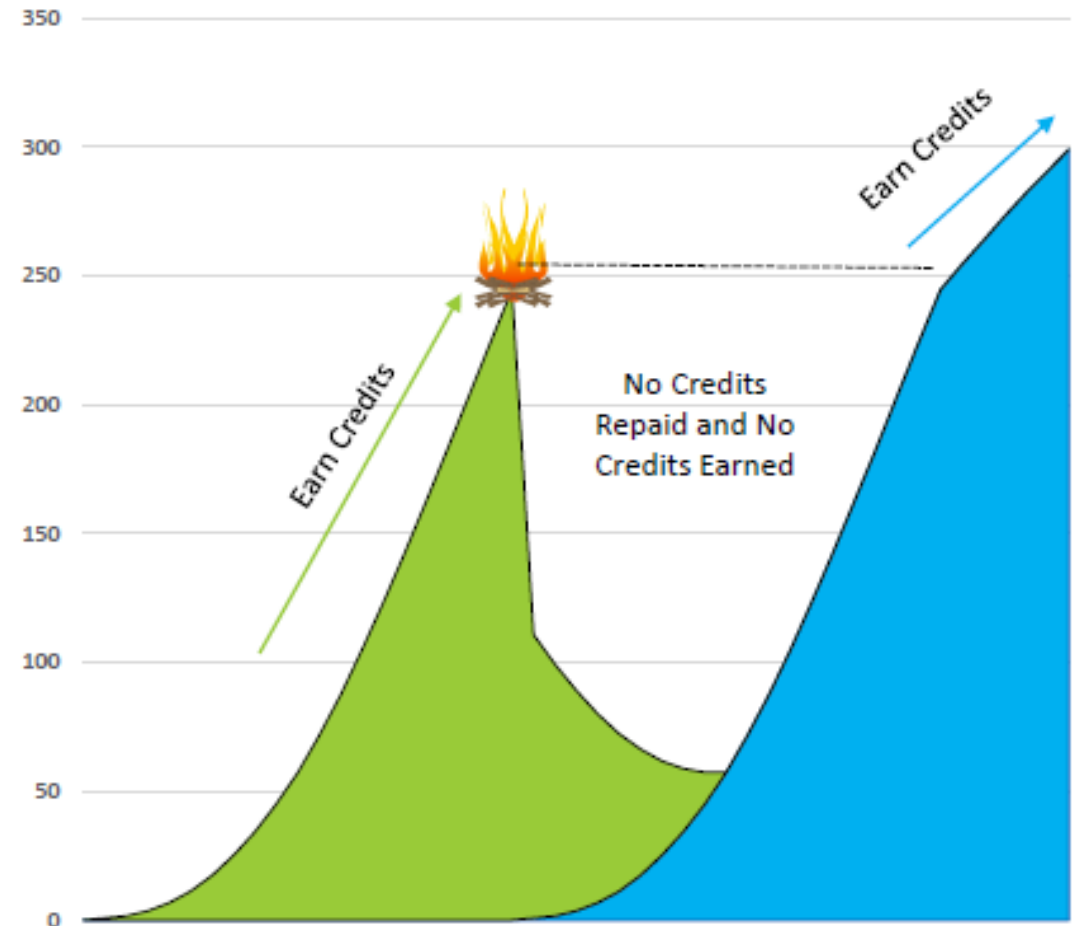
# Temporary Adverse Events - 01 January 2023

**Current Rules:** NZU liability for decrease in CO2 stocks, e.g. fire.

- Liability capped at number of units issued.
- Carbon insurance available but expensive.

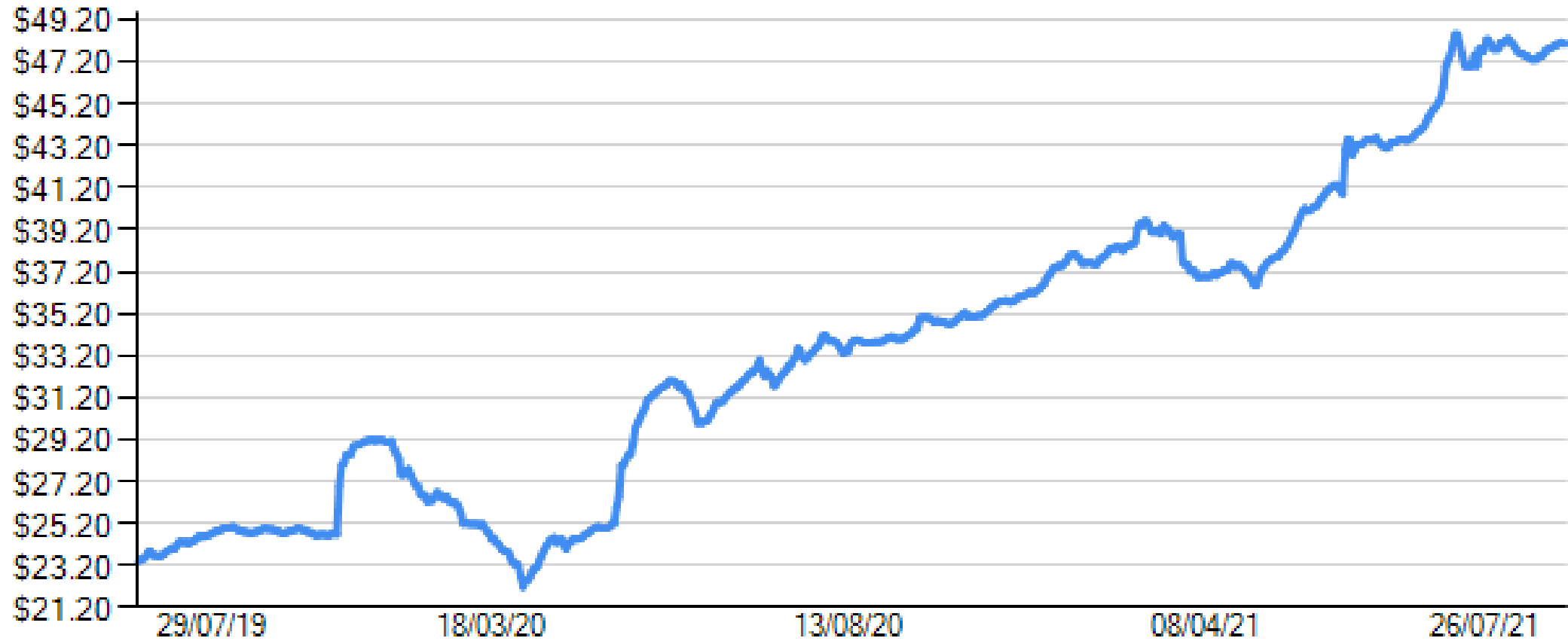
**New Rules:** No carbon liability if adverse event but:

- Forest must be re-established.
- No credits earned until the forest recovers to pre-adverse event carbon stocks.
- Carbon loss insurance not as important.
- May want future carbon insurance.
- Will Apply to both Carbon Stock Change and Averaging.





## NZU Price Over Time



Source: [www.commtrade.co.nz](http://www.commtrade.co.nz)



# Carbon Pricing Update - The Future?

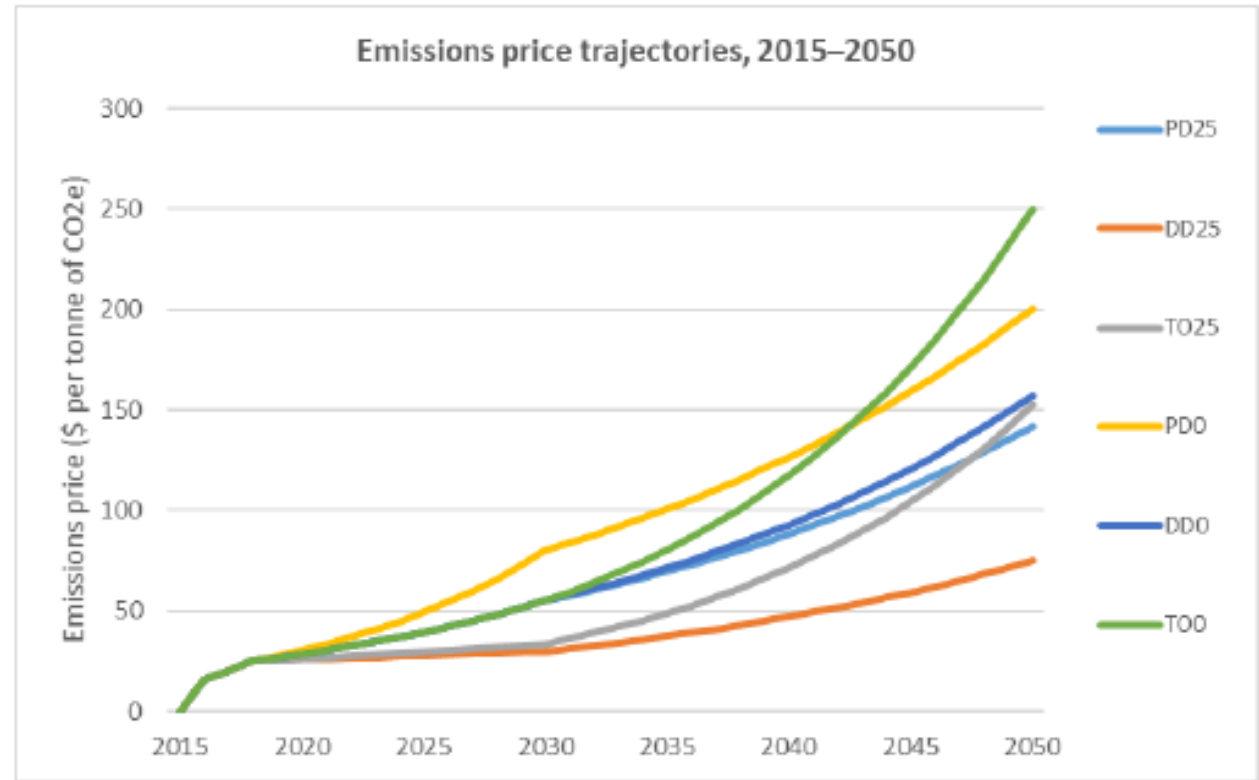
Productivity Commission models \$75 - \$250 by 2050 to meet Paris Target.

Climate Commission recommends auction CCR (currently \$50) should

- Increase to \$70 ASAP
- Reach \$140 by 2030

High prices likely there are many uncertainties:

- Auctioning?
- International Units?
- Recession
- Future Governments
- Rule change
- Technology improvements



Source: New Zealand Productivity Commission. (2018). *Low-emissions economy: Final report.*



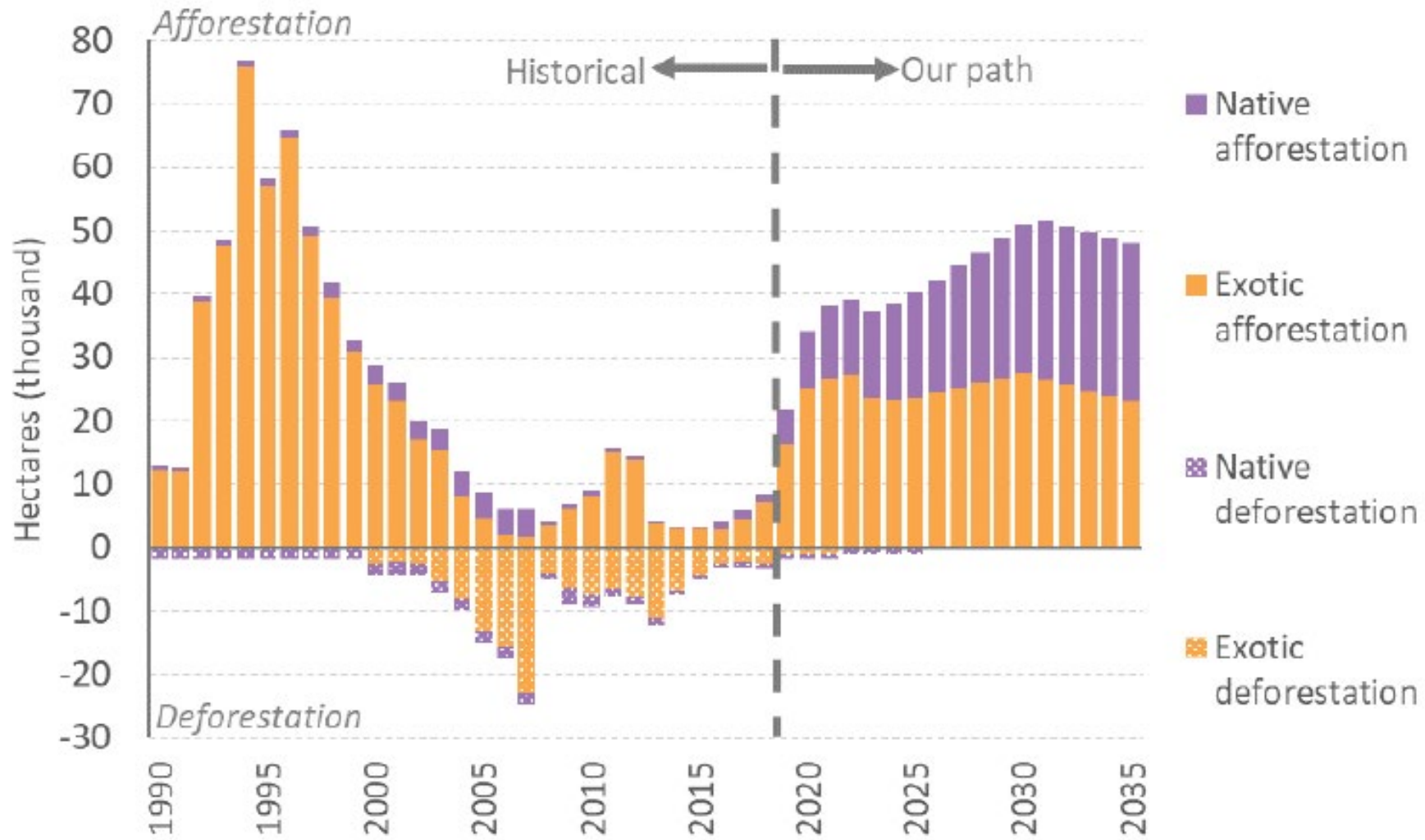
# NZU Price Forecast Key

Pathway	Assumed emissions price set for 2030	Reason for 2030 emissions price	Model-generated emissions price in 2050
PD-25	\$55	Reflects strong early policy action given expectation of slow technological change	\$142
DD-25	\$30	Lower price relying on fast technological change	\$75
SD-25	\$30	Same as DD-25	\$152
PD-0	\$80	Higher price needed sooner to achieve more ambitious 2050 target	\$200
DD-0	\$55	Higher price needed sooner to achieve more ambitious 2050 target, but not as high as PD-0 because of anticipated help from technology	\$157
SD-0	\$55	Same as DD-0	\$250

Source: Concept Consulting et al. (2018a).



# CCC Afforestation & Deforestation by Year



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Source: Climate Change Commission Draft Advice for Consultation, Figure 3.18, Page 68

# Average Carbon Returns per Hectare @ NZU \$48

*All carbon based on MPI lookup tables for Hawkes Bay/Southern North Island Forests less than 100ha*

Species	Registration	Years	NZU Total/ha	Av NZU/ha/Yr	Av \$/ha/Yr
Radiata Pine	Averaging	16	398	24.9	\$1,195
Radiata Pine	Carbon Accounting*	50	1,345	26.9	\$1,291
Douglas Fir	Carbon Accounting*	50	957	19.1	\$916
Oth Exotic Softwoods	Carbon Accounting*	50	641	12.8	\$614
Oth Exotic Hardwoods	Carbon Accounting*	35	729	20.8	\$998
Indigenous	Carbon Accounting*	50	323	6.5	\$312

- \*Look up tables only go to 50 years for species groups other than Hardwoods which is 35 years.
- MPI is reviewing the Lookup Tables, particularly Exotic Hardwoods. **Numbers may change**
- Carbon Accounting Registration numbers assumes NO HARVESTING



# Common ETS Mistakes

- Forest owner always has 25-30% free/non-liable carbon
- No one will catch me if I de-forest some areas as nowhere near a road
- I made an honest mistake so MPI won't fine me
- My Post-89 forest wasn't registered for the first rotation so I will claim the carbon in the second rotation
- At some stage I will plant another area to offset the area I cut down and converted to pasture

# Combining Forestry with Farming

- Identify marginal land, determine suitable forest
- Area: small areas = comparatively large fencing cost
- How will harvesting areas affect farming operations?
- Engage advice on harvestability – hauler, groundbased
- Managing cashflow of forest management
- Identify possible carbon benefits

# Estimated Radiata Block Costs/Returns - Simple

		\$/ha	Year
<b>Costs</b>	Planting	\$1,700	0
	Pruning	\$3,300	4, 6, 8
	Thinning	\$1,200	8, 10
	Rates/Manage	<u>\$945</u>	0-27
	<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b><u>\$6,200</u></b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	Carbon	\$19,104	0-16
	Harvest Net	<u>\$30,000</u>	27
	<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b><u>\$49,104</u></b>	

Net Revenue: \$42,904/ha  
Annual Net revenue: \$1,600/ha

- Costs assume clear land, standard forest management
- Assumed land is ETS compliant
- With ETS is cumulative cashflow neutral at age 5
- Harvest net is an average return for Whanganui/Taranaki region
- Assumed 27 year rotation
- Carbon on first rotation ONLY
- Excludes cost of capital, land
- Carbon at \$48/NZU





# Estimated Radiata Block Costs/Returns - Complex

Revenue Over Rotation Incl  
 Land: \$51,604 per ha  
  
 Expences Over Rotation Incl  
 Land: \$8,203 per ha  
  
**NPV: \$14,013 per ha**  
  
 IRR: 25.6%  
  
 NPV Rate: 5.0%  
  
 Carbon Price \$/NZU: \$48.00  
  
 Average Registered Area ha: 60

Years Until Harvest	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Year	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
NZU/ha	0	0.5	2.5	6.0	25.0	37.0	42.0	42.0	30.0	12.0	13.0	23.0	31.0	34.0	36.0	37.0	38.0	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.0	35.0	35.0	33.0	31.0	31.0	29.0	28.0	
Cumulative NZU/ha	0	0.5	3	9	34	71	113	155	185	197	210	233	260	291	325	361	398	436	473	510	547	582	617	650	681	712	741	769	
Revenue \$/ha																													
Carbon Revenue	\$0	\$24	\$120	\$288	\$1,200	\$1,776	\$2,016	\$2,016	\$1,440	\$576	\$624	\$1,104	\$1,296	\$1,488	\$1,632	\$1,728	\$1,776	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Harvesting Revenue																													
Land Value:	0																												
Total Revenue/ha:	\$0	\$24	\$120	\$288	\$1,200	\$1,776	\$2,016	\$2,016	\$1,440	\$576	\$624	\$1,104	\$1,296	\$1,488	\$1,632	\$1,728	\$1,776	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Expenditure \$/ha																													
Land Cost:	\$0																												
ETS Fees		\$50	\$7	\$7	\$167	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$167	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$167	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$167	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$167	\$7	\$7	\$7	
Planting/Release	\$1,700																												
Pruning					\$1,100		\$1,100		\$1,100																				
Thinning									\$600		\$600																		
Rates/Fences	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	
Total Expenditure/ha:	\$1,735	\$85	\$42	\$42	\$1,302	\$42	\$1,142	\$42	\$1,742	\$202	\$42	\$642	\$42	\$42	\$202	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$202	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$202	\$42	\$42	\$42	
Annual Cashflow \$/ha:	-\$1,735	-\$61	\$78	\$246	-\$102	\$1,734	\$874	\$1,974	-\$302	\$374	\$582	\$462	\$1,254	\$1,446	\$1,430	\$1,686	\$1,734	-\$42	-\$42	-\$202	-\$42	-\$42	-\$42	-\$42	-\$202	-\$42	-\$42	\$32,458	
Cumulative Cashflow \$/ha:	-\$1,735	-\$1,796	-\$1,718	-\$1,471	-\$1,573	\$161	\$1,036	\$3,010	\$2,708	\$3,083	\$3,665	\$4,127	\$5,382	\$6,828	\$8,258	\$9,945	\$11,679	\$11,637	\$11,596	\$11,394	\$11,352	\$11,311	\$11,269	\$11,227	\$11,026	\$10,984	\$10,942	\$43,484	

Annual Cashflow 100ha:	-\$104,100	-\$3,660	\$4,700	\$14,780	-\$6,100	\$104,060	\$52,460	\$118,460	-\$18,100	\$22,460	\$34,940	\$27,740	\$75,260	\$86,780	\$85,820	\$101,180	\$104,060	-\$2,500	-\$2,500	-\$12,100	-\$2,500	-\$2,500	-\$2,500	-\$2,500	-\$12,100	-\$2,500	-\$2,500	\$1,947,500
Cumulative Cashflow 100ha:	-\$104,100	-\$107,760	-\$103,060	-\$88,280	-\$94,380	\$9,680	\$62,140	\$180,600	\$162,500	\$184,960	\$219,900	\$247,640	\$322,900	\$409,680	\$495,500	\$596,680	\$700,740	\$698,240	\$695,740	\$683,640	\$681,140	\$678,640	\$676,140	\$673,640	\$661,540	\$659,040	\$656,540	\$2,609,040

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# Market Opportunities

- Minor species require detailed planning of marketing
- Strong domestic market for pruned logs, fluctuating export market for unpruned logs
- Current government has significant focus on domestic processing – majority foreign owned forests makes this difficult
- Exciting clearwood market (cut from pruned logs) in Europe
- Volatile and unknown future for log exports to China

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