

Banks Peninsula Native Forest Climate Change Group Bulletin 7

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1 Group update

We are planning our group meetings for 2025, likely to be held in February, May, August, and November. If you have suggestions for guest speakers, please email bpnfccgroup@gmail.com with your ideas.

2 In the news

Environment Canterbury's submission to the government's draft Second Emissions Reduction Plan: In August, ECan submitted on the government's proposed Second Emissions Reduction Plan. Their full submission can be viewed using [this link](#) and clicking on Submission on Emissions Reduction Plan 2.0. A few highlights of their submission include the following:

- ECan believes that the plan's over-reliance on technology and innovations currently unavailable in New Zealand and exotic forestry carbon removals, does not provide a pathway to achieve NZ's 2035 or 2050 targets. It presents a very narrow margin to meeting the second emissions budget, which is a notable change from ERP 1.
- ECan considers the best option for New Zealand to support achievement of the Paris Agreement is to make significant changes to NZ's own emissions, and in doing so, bring other countries with us. This requires demonstrating credibility by meeting our own national commitments, particularly the legislative target of net zero GHG emissions by 2050.
- ECan's main reasoning for prioritising gross over carbon removals is that this is required for successful and enduring achievement of Aotearoa New Zealand's emissions reduction commitments. ECan acknowledges, however, that some carbon sequestration (i.e. net emissions reduction) is required to meet these commitments. Where sequestration is incentivised, ECan recognises that there is nuance at the farm scale and that some on-farm carbon sequestration is not fully accounted for under current New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) settings. Overall, they support the reduction in net emissions, but caution over-reliance on forestry sequestration (at the large scale). They acknowledge that this is more complicated when reducing net emissions on-farm.

Farm-to-forestry conversion policy still being worked on: A [recent article](#) in Newsroom investigated what was happening with the expected policy on farm-forestry conversions. The government was set to consult on a policy to limit farm-to-forest conversions in June 2024, but no announcement has been made yet. National's election manifesto and the government's discussion document on its Second Emissions Reduction Plan included high-level details on this proposed policy, including a moratorium on farm-to-forestry conversions on Land Use Classes one through five and a cap of 15,000 hectares of annual conversions on Land Use Class six land. Ministers have since said that the policy is taking longer

due to the complexity involved. It is expected that there will be an announcement before the end of the year on a policy direction to limit farm conversions.

Book chapter on nature-based/ regenerative tourism with Banks Peninsula as a case study: A book titled [Handbook on Managing Nature-Based Tourism Destinations Amid Climate Change](#) was published recently on governance models, community engagement, and transdisciplinary collaboration for sustainable nature-based tourism management. The book is global in scope and includes a chapter written by Asif Hussain examining Banks Peninsula as a case study from Aotearoa NZ. A copy of this chapter is [here](#).

3 Submissions lodged and upcoming

The BPNFCC Group submitted to the government's proposed resetting of the annual fee in the ETS. In this proposal, MPI was consulting on an annual fee of \$14.90/ ha for all forests registered in the ETS. Our BPNFCCG submission stated that we believe that this fee will disincentivise native forest registrations. Therefore, we suggested that the fee for native forest registered in the ETS should be \$0 and for exotic forest should be \$14.90/ ha. Our submission is [here](#).

4 Survey on perceptions of wilding conifers

Scion and Manaaki Whenua-Landcare Research are conducting a survey to understand how perceptions of wilding conifers differ across regions of Aotearoa New Zealand, and between professions and stakeholders. We are also interested in understanding how these perceptions compare to how other biosecurity threats are perceived. 'Wilding conifers' is a term used to describe exotic coniferous trees that self-establish beyond their initial plantings.

This survey is open to anyone although you will only be able to complete the survey once. Please complete this survey using [this link](#)! Your participation is entirely voluntary, and the survey will be anonymous.

This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete, and please forward the survey link to anyone who you think might be interested in completing it too. This survey will remain open until 20 December 2024. Please email wildingpine@gmail.com if you have any questions.

As an appreciation for your participation in the survey, you will have the option to enter a draw to win one of five \$100 Prezzy vouchers.

[Survey Link](#)

5 18 November meeting

- For our 18 November meeting, guest speakers Subir Ghosh, Stewart McKenzie, and Belinda Mathers from Toitū will join us to explain to us their decision to shift away from using NZUs for offsets. This meeting will be from 4-6pm at Te Hāpua Halswell Library in the Piharau room.

- At our 18 November meeting, we will discuss our meeting schedule for 2025.

6 Standing information

- BPNFCCG relevant documents, meeting minutes, and submissions are saved in our Google drive [here](#).

Table 1 Group membership

Name	Organisation and role
Adrian Loo	Forever Forests Co-Founder & Director
Alice Shanks	QEII National Trust Central Canterbury Advisor – attending to represent QEII
Alina Toppler	ECAN Climate Change & Community Resilience
Anthony Johnson	Manager Oashore conservation project 540ha, landowner of Hukahukatuaroa in Western Valley
Bob Webster	Landowner Waipuna Bush, former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Trustee
Brent Martin	Manaaki Whenua Senior Data Scientist
Bruce Hansen	Maurice White Native Forest Trust Trustee (Hinewai)
Bryan Storey	Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Geopark Trustee, former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Trustee
Clayton Wallwork	Orion Sustainability Manager
Di Lucas	Lucas Associates Director, Landscape Architect
Helen Greenep	Environment Canterbury Biodiversity Officer
James Wright	BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme
Josh Foster	BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme
Kaitlyn Leeds	Department of Conservation Banks Peninsula ranger
Karen Banwell	Retired Whaka Ora Programme Manager
Kirsty Brennan	Lyttelton Port Company
Lan Pham	Green Party MP
Larry Burrows	Manaaki Whenua Forest Ecologist
Maree Burnett	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Manager
Mark Christensen	Chair of the Project Oversight Group for Pest Free Banks Peninsula, Director of EcoCentral Limited, and Director of the state-owned enterprise Animal Control Products (Orillion)
Mark Nixon	Landowner with High Bare Peak group (500ha) in Little River, Tūpari (400ha) in Kaituna and Putaweta (40ha) above Akaroa
Morag Butler	ECAN Climate Change & Community Resilience leader
Nick Butcher	Carbon Crop Chief Technology Officer. Founder of Carboncrop
Nick Head	Christchurch City Council Senior Ecologist
Pam Richardson	BP Branch Federated Farmers, Former BP Community Board Chair and BP Conservation Trust Trustee
Paul Dahl	Landowner in Purau, Hidden Valley Trust in Purau and on Whaka Ora.
Paula Jameson	President Summit Rd Society
Penny Carnaby	Chair BPNFCCG, representative of Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
Piper Pengelly	Representative from Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust
Richard Simpson	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Trustee and Landowner
Rowan Sprague	BPNFCCG Secretary, Science Knowledge Broker at Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research
Sam Mander	Agri Intel Carbon specialist

Sarah Helleur	Forever Forests Consultant. ETS consulting indigenous opportunities
Shelley Washington	Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust manager
Suky Thompson	Former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust manager
Tasman Gillies	Te Ahu Pātiki Trust
Tina Troup	Maurice White Native Forest Trust Trustee (Hinewai), BPCT Covenanting committee