

BPNFCCG Bulletin 11

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1 Group update - 2025 meeting dates

Our final BPNFCCG meeting for 2025 is:

- 18 November 2025 – Te Hāpua Halswell Library

We will discuss dates for our 2026 meetings at our November meeting.

2 In the news

2.1 Science, innovation, and conservation news

[Eight difficult problems for the design and delivery of voluntary biodiversity credit markets](#): This policy brief by Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research (now part of the Bioeconomy Science Institute) discusses some of the challenges likely faced by establishing a voluntary nature credits market. There was also [a webinar](#) discussing these challenges.

[Ekos launches its own biodiversity credits, called BioCredita](#). Please note that including this link does not represent endorsement from BPNFCCG.

[Nelson City Council is transitioning from commercial forestry to native forests](#). The council has a 10,000-hectare forest estate and is planning to transition it to native forest.

3 Government work and announcements relevant to group

3.1 Government's proposed rules for the voluntary nature credits market

The Ministry for the Environment published the government's [proposed rules](#) for the voluntary nature credits market. The government is proposing that its role will be to set direction for nature credits, establish integrity principles, ensure assurance in the standards and accrediting assurance providers, and promote transparency. The integrity principles put forward by the government are: Additional to business as usual; Durable; Real, measurable, and verifiable outcomes; Accessible; Transparent; Respectful of rights; and Accurate claims.

3.2 Government announced changes to climate policy

The government [recently announced](#) that it will make large changes to NZ's climate policy, including changes to the ETS and the Climate Change Response Act. Changes to the ETS include de-linking the ETS from the Paris Agreement, shifting the ETS Settings decisions from being done annually to biennially, and operational changes to the ETS.

There have been lots of reactions in the media to this announcement, including:

- [What these changes mean](#)

- [ETS market responds to announcement by NZU price slumping by 10%](#)
- Carbon market expert Dr Christina Hood's reaction on RNZ:
<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoon/audio/2019011539/govt-de-links-ets-from-paris>

4 Submissions lodged by the BPNFCCG

The BPNFCC group did not lodge any submissions over the past three months.

5 18 November meeting

For our 18 November meeting, Sarah Helleur and Nick Butcher have kindly agreed to give a presentation to us about recent ETS and forestry-related policy changes that are of interest for our group. We'll also discuss speaker suggestions for next year and the timing of our 2026 meetings. This meeting will be from 4-6pm at Te Hāpua Halswell Library in the Piharau room.

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 | Representing Hidden Valley Conservation Trust |
| 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 Rākahautū Geopark Trustee, former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Trustee |
| Clayton Wallwork | Orion Sustainability Manager |
| Crystal Lenky | Lyttelton Port Company |
| Di Lucas | Lucas Associates Director, Landscape Architect |
| Erica Weblin | Environment Canterbury forester |
| Helen Greenep | Environment Canterbury Biodiversity Officer |
| James Wright | BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme |
| Josh Foster | BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme |
| Karen Banwell | Retired Whaka Ora Programme Manager |
| Kirsty Brennan | Lyttelton Port Company |
| Lan Pham | Green Party MP |
| Larry Burrows | Manaaki Whenua-Landcare Research Forest Ecologist |
| Maree Burnett | Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Manager |
| 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 |
| Tasman Gillies | Te Ahu Pātiki Trust |
| Tina Troup | Maurice White Native Forest Trust Trustee (Hinewai), BPCT Covenanting committee |