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A Redesigned NZ ETS Permanent Forest Category  
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## **RURAL WOMEN NEW ZEALAND (INC) SUBMISSION**

### **A redesigned NZ ETS Permanent Forest Category**

#### **Introduction**

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Ministry for Primary Industries on the proposals to redesign the permanent forest category in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS).

Our feedback reiterates some of the key points raised in our April 2023 submission on the proposed changes to the ETS forestry settings.

#### **Comments**

1. We support strengthening rural communities through on farm diversification with a right tree, right place and right purpose approach. We strongly believe any changes to the permanent forestry category must support rural communities and the underlying rural economics.
2. We recognise there is a place for exotic forests, however we believe there is an opportunity here to set best management practices across all permanent forestry participants. Of significant concern is the potential loss of highly productive (for growing food) land, harm to biodiversity and damage to the natural environment on which rural communities are so reliant.

3. RWNZ considers the existing ETS framework not fit-for-purpose to drive the behaviour changes required to reduce emissions. We do not consider 'planting our way out' as an appropriate response to be relied on.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

## **About Rural Women New Zealand**

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation that reaches into all rural communities to provide a credible and respected voice on rural environment, health, education, technology, business and social issues.

RWNZ strives to ensure that all rural residents, workers and families have equitable access to services, inequalities are addressed by Government, and the wellbeing of rural communities is considered from the beginning of all policy and legislative development.

RWNZ is affiliated to the Associated Country Women of the World and as such upholds all United Nations, International Labor Organisation (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) conventions and outcome statements as they relate to women and rural women in particular.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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