



# Applications for exemptions for deforestation of pre-1990 forest land with tree weeds

## Applications for exemptions will be open from 15 March 2018

Under section 184(1) of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 I give public notice inviting applications for exemptions, relating to pre-1990 forest land comprised predominately of exotic tree weeds. Applications must be on the prescribed form, and can be submitted any time from 15 March 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Exemptions granted as a result of this notice will cover tree weed deforestation up to an equivalent of 300,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Tree weed clearance must commence, if not already commenced, within 24 months from the date of notification of the exemption.

Exemptions are available for those forest species on pre-1990 forest land that:

- are defined or designated as a pest in a Pest Management Strategy under the Biosecurity Act 1993; or
- are listed as a tree weed under the Climate Change (Forestry Sector) Regulations 2008.

The criteria and priorities by which tree weed exemptions will be assessed are:

- the risk of distant seed dispersal due to site features;
- the risk of distant seed dispersal due to tree weed species;
- land use within two kilometres and the risk of spread into these areas;
- if any areas of value (including natural, landscape, cultural, historical, economic, or recreational values) within two kilometres of the application site are threatened by tree weeds.

Priority will be given to applications with:

- a relevant pest management strategy or Department of Conservation wilding tree management plan;
- evidence of future funding in a Long-Term Council Community Plan;
- a private or council-designed tree weed management plan; or
- active community group involvement in tree weed management.

For a complete list of tree weed species you can contact the Climate Change Contact Centre at [climatechange@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:climatechange@mpi.govt.nz) or by calling **0800 CLIMATE (254 628)**.

Signed Climate Change Operations Manager; Spatial, Forestry and Land Management; Ministry for Primary Industries, acting under delegated authority. For further information refer to the Ministry for Primary Industries website at: <http://archive.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets/pre-1990-forest> or call **0800 CLIMATE (254 628)**.

\*A copy of the instrument of delegation may be inspected at the Ministry for Primary Industries, 25 The Terrace, Wellington 6140.