

# 2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday 8 October 2025 at Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

		Presenters
8:00 - 9:00am	<b>Registration open - tea &amp; coffee available</b>	
9:00 - 9:05am	Housekeeping	Sarah Perriam-Lampp, MC
9:05 - 9:15am	Welcome by WPMA Board Chairman	Don Hammond, WPMA Chairman
9:15 - 9:35am	Minister of Forestry, Minister for Trade and Investment	Hon Todd McClay, Minister
9:35 - 10:05am	Growing the Value of New Zealand's Forestry and Wood Processing Sector	Sam Keenan, Te Uru Rakau (NZ Forest Service)
10:05 - 10:30am	Seeing the wood and the trees - The role of forestry in doubling the value of New Zealand export earnings	Dr Elizabeth Heeg, NZ Forest Owners Association
10:30 - 11:00am	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:00 - 11:25am	From Forests to Timber Products: Research-Driven Solutions for Tomorrow's Challenges	Dr Henri Baileres, Scion Research
11:25 - 11:50am	Building a World-leading Bioeconomy from Aotearoa's forests	Wayne Mulligan, NZ Bio Forestry
11:50 - 12:15pm	WIDE Trust training and education support for the New Zealand wood processing sector	Keith Mackie, WIDE Trust & Dr Hyungsuk Thomas Lim, University of Canterbury
12:15 - 1:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30 - 1:55pm	Global Trade Turbulence: what next for New Zealand Trade Policy	Vangelis Vitalis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
1:55 - 2:25pm	The benefits of Mass Timber and where we are heading into the future, includes the Living Pa, Tauranga City, and Parliament Building projects	Dan McGuinness, LT McGuinness Ltd
2:25 - 3:05pm	Panel session – Legal Harvest and Chain of Custody	Simon Dorries - Responsible Wood, James Treadwell - NZ Institute of Forestry, Dr Susan Secker - Te Uru Rakau (NZ Forest Service)
3:05 - 3:30pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3:30 - 4:00pm	Outlook for Business and the Economy	Katherine Rich, BusinessNZ
4:00 - 4:20pm	Rethinking recovery - why 'rest is not always best' for injured employees	Sue McMaster, ACC Strategic Partner
4:20 - 4:30pm	Conference summary and closure	Don Hammond, WPMA Chairman
6:30pm	<b>Cocktails and Industry Dinner</b>	The Ball Room, Foxglove, 33 Queens Wharf

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