

# Wood processing development opportunity within New Zealand's second largest area of plantation forest



## Southern Forest Growers Consortium

### Background

- Six major forest owners in the Otago/Southland region have formed a consortium to attract investment into a wood processing facility.
- Six potential locations have been identified with proximity to ports, rail, energy and expertise.
- >60% of Otago/Southland's logs are exported raw, missing opportunities for value-added processing.
- Expressions of interest are being sought for the type and scale of development.

### Development Opportunities

#### Primary Processing

- Sawmill



- Veneer Mill



#### Value Add Processing

- Remanufacturing
- Engineered Wood Products



#### Utilising Residues

- Wood pallets
- Biofuels
- Biomaterials



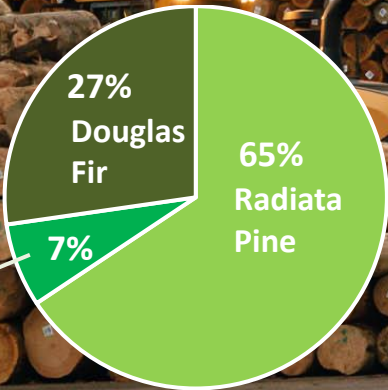
### Regional Volume

**220,000 hectares**  
of plantation forest

### Regional Availability (p.a.)

**2 million m3**  
of sawlogs

**0.6 million m3**  
of industrial, pulp and residue grades



Eucalyptus,  
Macrocarpa &  
other mixed  
softwoods

# Why New Zealand?



## Capability

With established infrastructure and government-led initiatives in transport, energy, and R&D, the forestry industry is primed for growth.



## Sustainability

New Zealand forestry meets strict environmental standards, with strong biosecurity and sustainable forests ensuring long-term wood supply.



## Stability

New Zealand offers a safe, transparent, and stable investment environment.



## Versatility

New Zealand radiata pine is globally recognised as a versatile softwood.

## Southern Forest Growers Consortium

Members are committed to supporting any investor by negotiating bilateral timber supply contracts and sharing their knowledge and experience about operating in the region.

**Consortium members own:**

140,000

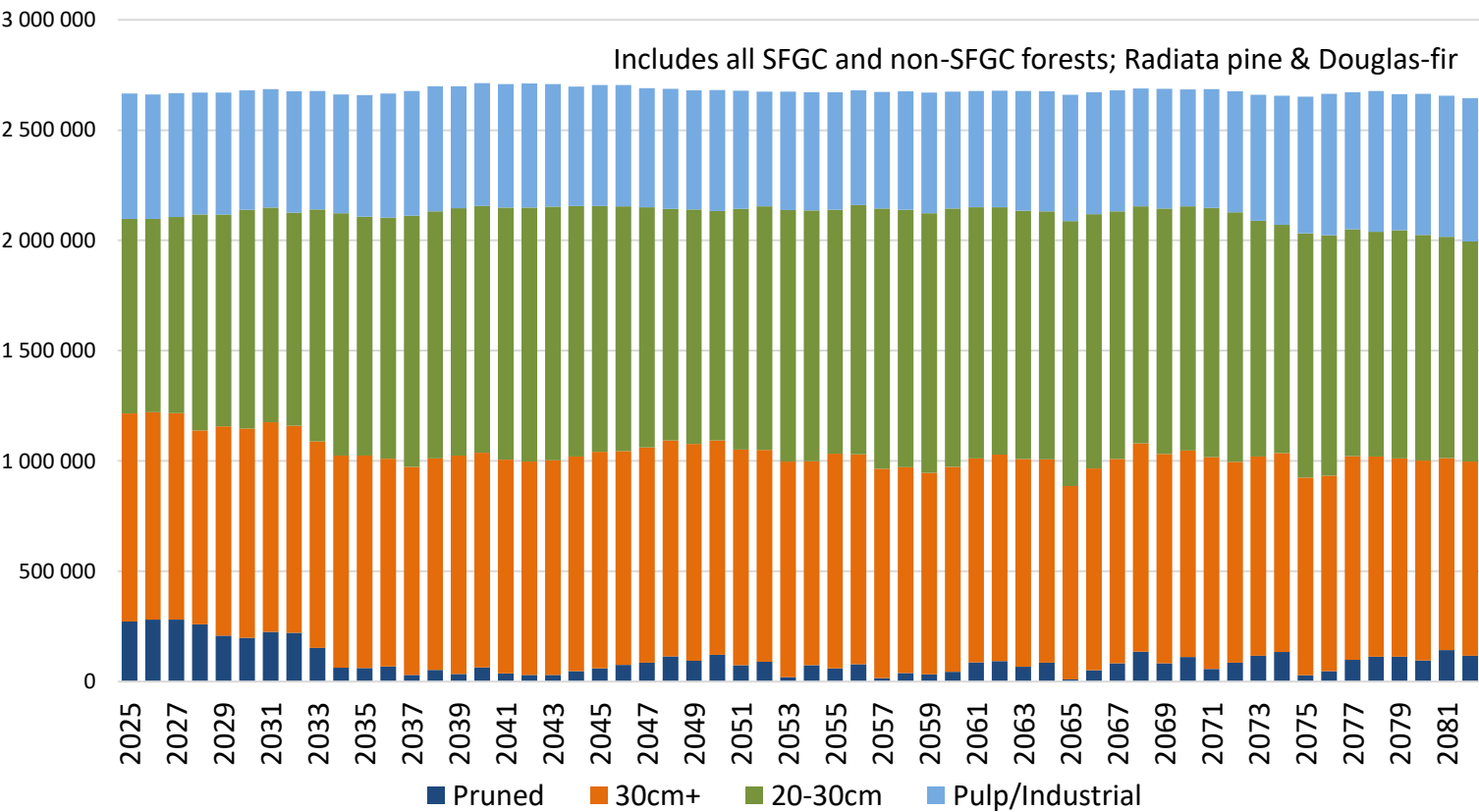
hectares of  
plantation forest in  
the region

64%

of the total  
plantation forest  
area in the region



## Regional Log Availability volume (m³)





# Regional Infrastructure

The Southern Forest Growers Consortium have identified six potential locations for new processing facilities. These are Mosgiel, Milton, Lawrence, Winton, Kennington and Mataura. Factors that make these six sites desirable include proximity to:



### Ports

Port Otago benefits from a deep natural harbour. Operations include Port Chalmers and Dunedin Bulk Port providing options and scale. Southport is also able to accommodate vessels with an operating draft of 10.7m at high tide.



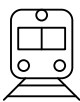
### Roading

Otago-Southland has a well-developed road network, including state highways and resilient forest roads due to terrain and soil conditions.



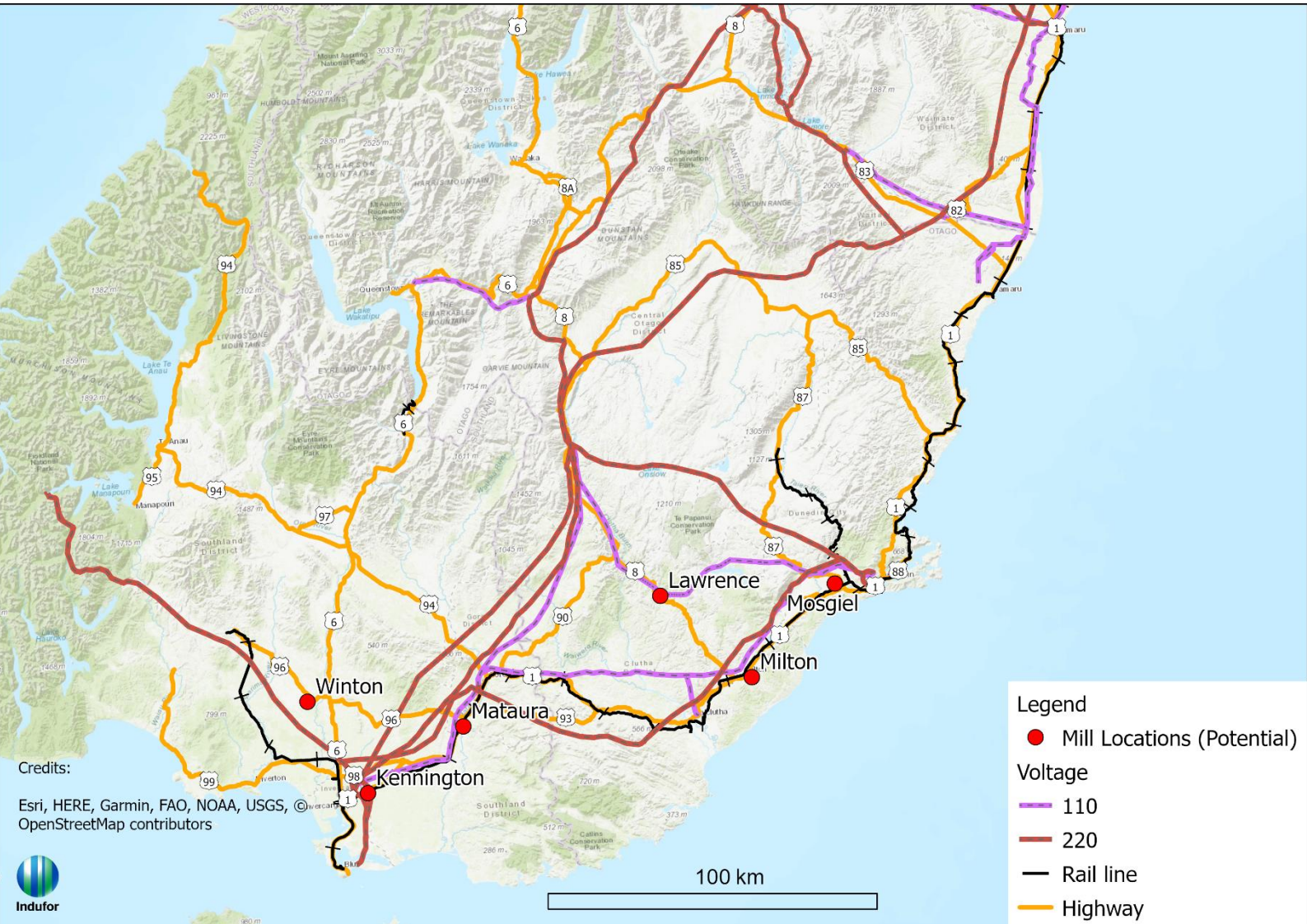
### Electricity

Otago-Southland benefits from abundant renewable energy making electricity affordable and sustainable.



### Rail

The Main South Line runs between Christchurch and Bluff along the Coast servicing the region



## Consortium Members

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### Wenita Forest Products

Wenita owns and manages a forest area of 30,000 hectares in Otago. It has three main forest areas: Mt Allan, Berwick and Otago Coast, mainly growing Radiata pine. Wenita is a private New Zealand-registered and operated company owned by Taieri Forests Ltd.



### City Forests

City Forests is one of New Zealand's oldest forestry companies with over 100 years of forest growing history. It owns or manages nearly 20,000 hectares of production forest growing on 25,000 hectares of land within an 80-kilometre radius of the City of Dunedin.



### Port Blakely NZ Ltd

A division of Port Blakely, a sixth-generation, family-owned company, proudly owns and manages 40,000 hectares of forestland on New Zealand's North and South Islands. Committed to responsible forestry, it grows, harvests, and replants Radiata pine and Douglas-fir, supplying Domestic and Asian markets.



### Matariki Forests (Southland Region)

Matariki Forests grows and manages 76 forests across New Zealand, totalling around 116,000 planted hectares, making it the third largest forestry company in the country. Its southern regional office is located in Invercargill and manages approximately 32,000 hectares of productive forest across Southland and Otago.



### Ernslaw One (South Island)

New Zealand's fourth-largest forestry business, manages approximately 95,000 productive hectares nationwide. Part of the Oregon Group, owned by Malaysia's Tiong family, it oversees around 21,000 hectares in Otago/Southland, primarily planted in Douglas-fir.



### Avon Glen Forests

Owned by Calder Stewart, a nationwide construction and manufacturing company, specialising in precast concrete, steel, reinforcing, plantation forestry, and land development across New Zealand. Wholly owned by the Stewart family, it manages approximately 6,500 hectares of forest land in Otago, with 5,500 hectares of Radiata pine.

## Next Steps

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Please express your interest in learning more about the wood processing investment opportunities in the Otago/Southland region by contacting Chris Burgess, Investment Manager at NZTE.



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## Supporting Government Agencies

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