

**Waitomo District Council
Proposed Long Term Plan 2015-2025 Feedback**

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FEEDBACK ON: Long Term Plan 2015-25

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Submission

Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd manages approximately 6,000 ha of production forest in the Waitomo District on behalf of our clients Taumata Plantations Ltd.

Council have indicated in the Long Term Plan the intention to gather data on upcoming plantation forestry harvesting in the District and to use this information to feed into the proposed 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. Hancock Forest Management strongly encourages the Council to do this, so that accurate and up to date information can be used to feed into decision making around timing of road maintenance and upgrade, and how that should be paid for.

In the case of the Hancock forests, we have recently completed harvesting in both forests in the District (Maraeroa C and Pureora) and as Council will be aware, the bulk of the road maintenance on the public roads accessing the forests during harvest was carried out by Taumata Plantations at the company's cost. We do however plan to commence harvesting an adjacent forest in the adjacent Ruapehu District (Te Rongoroa forest) which may be accessed via a Waitomo District road, depending on the agreement reached with Ruapehu District on access routes to be used. Hancock would be very happy to provide detailed information regarding our harvest intentions to the Council on request.

Hancock Forest Management does not wish attend a hearing on Monday 11 May.

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Sally Strang

**Environmental Manager
Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd**