

## **FISC Update December 2015 – Briefing note**

FISC is an exciting prospect. A lead body for the industry working together with ACC, WorkSafe, Unions and worker representatives. Our overall objective is **Zero fatalities and serious harm: Together towards zero.**

There is a real opportunity to further develop working partnerships and embrace the new health and safety legislation as a way to think differently about risk management and achieving safe outcomes.

There have been many positive initiatives conducted within the industry. Part of FISC's work will be to gather, evaluate, share, and support the implementation of these initiatives.

In delivering our objective we aim to improve the overall public image of the forest industry and raise our profile as an employer, and career, of choice.

### **FISC Board members:**

- Dame Alison Paterson (Independent Chair)
- NZ Forest Owners Association: Peter Clark (CE PF Olsen Ltd) & Warwick Foran (GM Crown Forestry)
- NZ Farm Forestry: Ian Jackson (Past President NZ Farm Forestry Association)
- Forest Industry Contractors' Association: Paul Olsen (MD Olsen Forest Management and Vice-President of FICA) & Kevin Ihaka (MD FPS Forestry and FICA Board Member)
- Worker Representatives: Neil Thomas (Forestsafe Ltd) and Wiremu Edmonds (Tuakiri Ltd)
- Union Representative: Robert Reid (General Secretary, First Union)
- WorkSafe NZ: Gordon MacDonald (CE WorkSafe NZ)
- ACC: Sid Miller (Chief Customer Officer, ACC)
- Maori Representative (appointment pending)

### **Progress to date:**

- FISC is now fully established
- Fiona Ewing, National Safety Director (NSD) started fulltime in mid-October
- The Chair and NSD have been out on site visits across NZ
- Engagement with key stakeholders: FICA, NZFFA, Wood councils, WorkSafe, ACC
- Work programme established
- Operational Advisory Group (OAG) and Technical Action Groups (TAGs) established
- Existing platforms, Safetree™ and IRIS, are being transitioned to FISC

### **The following key elements have been agreed as the framework for the Work Programme:**

- Leadership
- Communication
- Legislative reform
- Competency
- Performance Management (will include 'IRIS')

Safetree™ [www.safetree.nz](http://www.safetree.nz) is still the 'go to' website for resources.

Information on the work programme and membership of working groups is available at [www.fisc.org.nz](http://www.fisc.org.nz)

If you have any questions, or wish to be involved in the work programme, please email [enquiries@fisc.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@fisc.org.nz) or call 04 282 1478.

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