GHG Footprint

Nelson Forests Ltd



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Introduction

- What?
 - MEM Project requirement
 - Technically based, but will focus on an area of management process or business
- Why?
 - Quantify climate change benefits of forestry and wood products
- Who?
 - Under taken in conjunction with MAF and Scion project "GHG Footprint for Primary Sectors – Forestry"
- When?
 - Scheduled completion February 2009
- How?
 - I will explain as I go



Forest Estate 2007 Carbon Storage and Removals

	P.rad	D.fir	TOTAL
Area (ha)	52,024	8,568	60,591
Age	16.9	26.9	24.6
CAI (m3/ha)	24.4	26.1	24.6
TAI (t)	-1,325,540	-233,305	-1,558,845
Removals (t)	1,212,504	180,045	1,392,549
Net storage (t)	-113,035	-53,260	-166,296



Nelson Forests Ltd Carbon Balance (t CO₂)

Forest Operations		
Carbon Stored	-149,666	
Forestry Operations Emissions	26,493	
		-123,173
Kaituna Mill Emissions		
Potential Coal Additionality Credits	-15,251	
Potential Fuel Oil Additionality Credits	-1,295	
Stored Carbon in Products	-6,674	
Kaituna Emissions	3,627	
Biomass (Carbon Neutral - 17,949 t CO2)	0	
		-19,593

Net Storage/Emissions	-142,766





Forestry Operations Reduction Opportunities



- Maximising crew productivity will reduce the carbon intensity of the entire supply chain
 - Increasing production
 - Reduce number of crews
- If GVM increased from 44t to 62t
 - Transport emissions could decrease by 40%
 - Reducing total emissions by 10%
- If loaded km increased from 56.4% to 70%
 - Transport emissions could decrease by 14%
 - Reducing total emissions by 5%









Distribution

- Depending on accounting method, product and destination, distribution can account for up to 70% of carbon emissions.
- International ocean freight can be more carbon efficient than domestic transport? This could be used to argue against "wood miles"!

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Kaituna to Melbourne – 54 kg CO_2/m^3







- The most often quoted benefit of wood as a building material, and possibly one of the least understood by the public is the pool of carbon in wood products.
 - Timber embodies approx. 900 kg CO_2/m^3
 - 27% of this embodied CO₂ is still in service after 30yrs in long life building materials
 - $-243 \mbox{ kg CO}_2/m^3$ could be claimed as "stored" carbon



Product Carbon Storage





Comparisons with Other Materials

Average inc. electricity -105 kg CO₂/m³



Timber

Aluminium





- Capitalising on the benefits and creating competitive advantage for wood and NFL?
 - Additionality?
 - Brochure?
 - Carbon Label?
 - Carbon Credits?
- Identify target areas where significant reductions can be made
- Quarterly, yearly reporting to track progress
- Audit