

MPI report endorses FOA position

MPI commissioned report endorses FOA statements that forestry leads sheep and beef farming for export returns and providing jobs - In May, business analyst PwC submitted a report to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) which compared the economic and employment output of forestry with sheep and beef farming. Other options looked at were carbon forestry and a mix of land use.

The report had been commissioned in 2019. FOA has requested and just received a final copy of this report from MPI.

Entitled **The Economic Impact of Forestry in New Zealand** it is a clear and objective refutation of the statements which have been widespread in the news media recently which are that forestry destroys local communities and jobs. PwC has found forestry makes more than double a value chain impact than sheep and beef farming, in both value-add by land use and also in providing employment.

In particular, two tables in the report speak for themselves.

