

He whakaoho i te whenua ki ngā hua o Tāne, kia toitū a Papa, kia whai oranga mō te iwi, mā te iwi me ngā uri whakatipu.



WHENUA OHO

Meeting with the Minister for Climate Change

As part of our ongoing kaupapa and aligned to our *tirohanga anamata*, we have joined several Māori organisations who continue to voice our vehement opposition to the proposed changes to the ETS. We have requested and are attending urgent meetings with Government officials and Ministers to dispute the proposed removal of the permanent exotic forest category in the ETS given the significant detrimental impact on Māori. The impact of these changes will, at best, remove \$3.6B in net present value from the Māori economy, and, at worst (utilising the governments own figures), a staggering \$6.8B! This doesn't even take into account the environmental and social benefits that will also be lost to Māori. The proposed changes are appalling and must be opposed. Last week representatives of Ngā Pou a Tāne (National Māori Forestry Association), Te Taumata, and the Māori Climate Commission met with Minister Shaw (Climate Change) to outline our serious concerns regarding the proposed changes coupled with the rushed timeframe and the lack of engagement with Māori as a Treaty partner. View this [link](#) for more detail about why Māori should oppose the proposed changes to the ETS. If you would like to sign up as a member of Ngā Pou a Tāne or would like a template to present your own submission opposing the proposed changes, please email our Director of Operations, Gwen Brooking at gwen@whenuaoho.maori.nz.



(Left to right) Te Taumata Chair, Chris Insley; Minister for Climate Change, James Shaw; Ngā Pou a Tāne Chair, Te Kapunga Dewes; Māori Climate Commission, Doug Macredie.

Whenua Oho Seminar – Te Matau-a-Māui

Whenua Oho is pleased to announce that we will be holding an information seminar for Māori landowners, trustees, and shareholders in the Hawkes Bay region regarding land use options in forestry and horticulture in **Napier this Wednesday 20 April**. Click on this [link](#) for more details.

Client testimonial

This month's Māori landowner [testimonial](#) comes from Edwin Ashford, chair of Whenuatupu-Ohinemoa Trust, Waimiha Basin, King Country. Edwin talks about the Whenuatupu-Ohinemoa farming block and how engaging with Whenua Oho "was the best move we've ever done". Through a Māori worldview, Whenua Oho was able to understand the complex issues faced by the trust and helped them move forward with their aspirations.

Noho ora mai rā.