

## Forest Grower Levy Trust Board (FGLT) Elections 2021

**Four positions on the FGLT Board are available.**

**Nominations:** Close Friday 1 October 2021, at 5pm

[Make a Nomination](#)

**Voting:** Opens Thursday 11 October 2021  
Closes Friday 22 October 2021

### Reason for Election

Under 4.4 of the Forest Growers Levy Trust Inc Rules, an election is to be held in 2021 and one half of the elected board members shall retire.

One board member representing owners of fewer than 1000 hectares, and two board members representing owners of more than 1,000 hectares, shall come up for re-election.

The three Board members due to retire and who can offer themselves for re-election are:

- Ian Jackson (fewer than 1,000ha category)
- Robert Green (more than 1,000ha category)
- Peter Clark (more than 1,000ha category)

In addition:

- Steve Wilton (fewer than 1,000ha category) has resigned from the Board.

**Therefore, this Election is for:**

- **two more than 1,000ha representatives, and**
- **two fewer than 1,000ha representatives.**

### The FGLT Board

The Board consists of four representatives of forests more than 1,000ha, and two representatives of forests smaller than 1,000ha, and an independent chosen by the Board.

Information on the current FGLT Board: <https://fglt.org.nz/about-us/board>

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## Nomination process

Nominations for the Board Election closed at 5pm on 1 October.

Under Rule 4.7 nominations for election to the Board shall be called by public notice and through industry communications at least three weeks before the date determined for the commencement of the election and the names of candidates and voting arrangements shall

be announced by public notice and through industry communications at least two weeks before the conclusion of the election.

The criteria for nominating candidates to stand in the Board Election are:

- A person eligible to nominate a Board member can be the owner of a qualifying forest or a person who represents the owner of a qualifying forest.
- For the purposes of the nomination and election process, a qualifying forest is a stand or stands of trees of 10 years or older (or, for the purposes of this election, planted before 1 October 2011) totalling at least four hectares.
- A nominator can make nominations only in the category they own or represent a qualifying forest – i.e., up to two nominations.

There are no restrictions as to who can be nominated. **The person does not need to be a forest owner or potential levy payer.**

Nominators are able to nominate candidates through an online registration process [Make a Nomination](#) or by email [admin@fglt.org.nz](mailto:admin@fglt.org.nz)

Nominators must specify the category in which the nominee will stand, and confirm that they are eligible to nominate the person under the election rules as detailed.

[https://fglt.org.nz/images/contentimages/FGLTRegisteredRulesclean\\_221014.PDF](https://fglt.org.nz/images/contentimages/FGLTRegisteredRulesclean_221014.PDF)

The nominator is responsible for confirming that the person(s) they nominate are willing to stand for election.

Further information on the implementation of the levy can be found at <https://fglt.org.nz/>

The FGLT Board have appointed Research New Zealand to run the nomination and voting process. They are independent of the FGLT and will verify and confirm nominations and voting results.

### **The final nominations are:**

Fewer than 1,000 ha Bert Hughes  
Fewer than 1,000 ha Ian Jackson  
Fewer than 1,000 ha Graham George West  
Fewer than 1,000 ha Glenn Williams

More than 1,000 ha Peter Clark  
More than 1,000 ha Don Aurik  
More than 1,000 ha Neil Woods  
More than 1,000 ha Ryan Cavanagh  
More than 1,000 ha Robert Green

### **KEY DATES**

**Voting:** Open Monday 11 October 2021  
Close Friday 22 October 2021

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### *WHO CAN VOTE IN THE 2021 ELECTION FOR THE FGLT BOARD?*

The intention is that anyone who potentially will pay the levy during the six year life of the current Levy Order (2020 – 2025) will be entitled to vote. Forest owners who will not be liable to pay the levy will not be eligible to vote.

Each forest owner who owns a Qualifying Forest will be eligible to vote. There is one vote per forest owner regardless of the form of that ownership or the number of forests held by that owner.

A qualifying forest is a forest that has a Stand or Stands of trees of 10 years or more in age (or, for the purposes of this election, planted before 1 October 2009) totalling at least four hectares in area.

A Stand means a contiguous area that contains a number of trees that are relatively homogenous and have a common set of characteristics, normally managed as a single unit. This definition applies to all species, wildings, and regeneration of a planted stand of trees grown for eventual harvest, but excludes Christmas trees and trees grown for domestic firewood.

The forest age restriction is designed to ensure that everyone who is growing trees that might be harvested and sold in the 6-year levy period has the right to vote.

Forest owners who will not be liable to pay the levy will not be eligible to nominate board members, or vote in the Board election.