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To all Branches and Special Interest Groups –

(This notice is being sent to Presidents, Secretaries and Councillors)

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTION.

On 8 January nominations were called for the election of executive members at the 2024 AGM. There were only two vacancies, namely:

- **SOUTH ISLAND EXECUTIVE MEMBER** (Three-year term)
(with Laurie Bennett retiring by rotation)
- **NORTH ISLAND EXECUTIVE MEMBER** (Three-year term)
(with Tim Forde retiring by rotation)

Only Laurie Bennett has been nominated to be the South Island executive member for the three years commencing from the finish of the 2024 AGM.

However, there are two nominations for the position of North Island Executive member for the three years commencing from the finish of the 2024 AGM. These are **Tim Forde** and **Dougal Morrison**.

Their short curricula vitae are appended. Councillors will be asked to vote for which of them they prefer at the NZFFA AGM in Napier in April.

Rules for voting:

The councillor for any Branch or Special Interest Group can vote.

Depending on the number of members enrolled in the branch, or special interest group, represented by the councillor, that councillor can exercise 1 or more votes according to the formula:

1 to 50 members	1 vote
51 to 100 members	2 votes
101 to 150 members	3 votes
There after 1 vote for every unit of 50 members or part thereof.	depends

Hamish Levack

Secretary, NZFFA

Appendix Curricula vitae of the candidates.

Tim Forde. [06 858 4222 or seeforde@xtra.co.nz] writes “I am a dedicated member of NZ Farm Forestry Assn and have been a member since 1980. I presently own and run a 210-hectare farm in Central Hawkes Bay that consists of 170 ha of bull beef, 30 ha of commercial pine forest and 10 ha of agro-forest containing predominantly poplars. I have been milling and marketing poplar timber for at least 9 years.

My commitment to Farm Forestry in the last 40 years has firstly been on the Wairarapa Branch committee for 12 years, serving as President for 8 years. Secondly, I have been a member of HB Branch for over 30 years, serving on committee for the last 15 years and as President for the last 7 years.

Four years ago, I was asked to join the Strategic Development Group trying to analyze the falling membership and NZFFA general direction and from this involvement I was elected North Island Rep on the Executive 3 years ago. I am putting myself up for re-election as I feel there is more to complete. I am very supportive of the existence of NZFFA and will endeavor to strengthen and grow the organization into the future. As an active forester and member, I feel I have a lot to offer.”

Dougal Morrison [027 470 0658 or dougalgbmorrison@gmail.com] is a graduate of Lincoln University with a BAgriculture and has post graduate forestry qualifications. He is currently working as a consultant to Groundtruth, a forest and land use consultancy business. He is a partner in a private forestry partnership in the Wairarapa, which is part way through being harvested. Eighteen hectares of the 135-hectare forestry block has been replanted in dryland eucalypt species. He has farmed for over 20 years, and is now retired from farming. As a farmer he planted many areas of alternative tree species.

Dougal is a member of both the Wellington and Wairarapa branches of NZFFA and has been a co-opted member of the National Executive of NZFFA for two years. He is also a member of the NZ Institute of Forestry and a member of the NZ Association of Resource Management, recognised as a Certified Practising Resource Manager (Leading Professional).