



FSC® Forest Management Certification Reassessment of Ernslaw One Limited in South Island, New Zealand 15 September 2026

Introduction – Preferred by Nature is conducting an FSC Forest Management and Chain of Custody certification reassessment of the Ernslaw One Limited located in South Island, New Zealand. The reassessment will be implemented from 5 October to 8 October 2026.

Scope of the Certification Reassessment – The Forest Management certification reassessment will evaluate the environmental, silvicultural, and socioeconomic aspects of the forests managed by Ernslaw One Limited, against the requirements of the FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for New Zealand, FSC-STD-NZL-02-2023 Plantations EN; and Requirements for use of the FSC® Trademarks by Certificate Holders (FSC-STD-50-001 V3-0). To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact Preferred by Nature by telephone, email or website; see contact details below. Preferred by Nature is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®) and this reassessment process must follow approved procedures. The FSC FM Standard may be obtained from the FSC Document Centre here: <https://connect.fsc.org/document-centre/documents/resource/1407>.

The forests under evaluation contain areas either identified as High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) or where high conservation values, as defined by FSC, may be found. Preferred by Nature evaluates the identification, management and protection of these High Conservation Values and invites relevant feedback from stakeholders.

Reassessment Team Composition – The reassessment team will be led by Yu Jung Tai and Shane Perrett as audit team member.

Reassessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the recertification process and a proposed agenda:

- ◆ Re-assessment organisation – Preferred by Nature team will assemble in South Island, New Zealand on Sunday, 4 October 2026.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by Ernslaw One Limited from Monday 5 October to Thursday 8 October 2026.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Ernslaw One Limited's forest management in locations surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and field visits as appropriate.
- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure, the team will meet with the managers and other parties to finalise their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The reassessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be provided for comment to Ernslaw Limited; with a planned timeframe of two (2) months from the Closing Meeting.
- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Ernslaw One Limited's forest managers – as well as input of other general stakeholder comments – Preferred by Nature will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur before mid-December 2026.



Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification reassessment process, we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Ernslaw One Limited's forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above; as well as comments on the company's management and protection – as applicable – of High Conservation Values within the forests under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the reassessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the reassessment, or during the reassessment, so that we can take your feedback into consideration in reaching a recertification decision. Your options for communicating your feedback to us are as follows:

1. Meet with a Preferred by Nature reassessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork. See contact details below.
2. Call and give comments to Mr. Pratama Bagus Kurniaji, Preferred by Nature staff person responsible for coordinating this certification reassessment.
3. Submit written comments by mail (details below) or email to pkurniaji@preferredbynature.org. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purpose of assessing Ernslaw One Limited.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential, available only to FSC and Preferred by Nature staff.

Stakeholders who wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access Preferred by Nature's Dispute Resolution Policy at <https://preferredbynature.org/>.

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