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Bioenergy Association Working Group – Recycling used and treated timber as an energy fuel

Background

Used and treated timber can be processed to be a suitable wood fuel for combustion in some appropriately designed heat plant. Technical Guide 9: Consenting for combustion of different solid biofuels www.usewoodfuel.org.nz/resource/combustion-of-different-solid-biofuels has been published to assist consenting.

Over the years there has been various work undertaken and that work needs collation so that interested parties learn from what has already been done.

At present there are several groups of people undertaking work on used and treated timber so we will try and coordinate some of those activities.

So that anyone interested in recycling used and treated timber as an energy fuel a directory of interested parties will be collated. This will assist new entrants network with appropriate people.

Objective

Establish a collective of interested parties hosted by the Bioenergy Association to develop and manage a programme of activities to maximise the recycling of used and treated timber as an energy fuel.

Programme of activities

A new section specifically on **used and treated timber** as an energy fuel will be established on the www.usewoodfuel.org.nz website.

A programme of priority activities will be identified by the Group and used to prioritise effort.

Costs

The Working Group will be serviced by the Bioenergy Association which will cover its own costs.

Working Group costs will lie where they fall.

Except for representatives of other organisations, members of the Working Group must be a member of the Bioenergy Association.

The Waste Minimisation Fund has identified the recycling of used and treated timber is a priority for funding so projects will be focused on using those funds. However the Fund requires that there be some co-funding. In-kind costs are accepted as part of co-funding.

Other funding will be sought but at present is difficult to secure.

Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly via TEAMS until the frequency can be reduced. An initiation meeting will be held at **1.30pm on the 15th November**.

An industry chair will be appointed from the first meeting attendees but to start the Working Group the Executive Officer of the Bioenergy Association will take that role.

Members of the Working Group (new members can join at any time)

- Jason Cordes (Red Stag)
- Matt Goddard (Kiwi Waste and Recycling)
- Brian Anderson (Bryn Martin)
- Aaron Mullins (Goldpine)
- Representative of the Wood Processors and Manufacturers Association
- Hannes Goosen (Green Gorilla)
- Representative of the New Zealand Demolition & Asbestos Association...

