

IMPLEMENTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT 2015:
Better Regulation – Plant, Structures and Working at Heights

FORESTRY



DO YOU WORK IN OR RUN A
BUSINESS IN THE FORESTRY
SECTOR?



ARE YOU CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR,
ENGINEER, OR OTHER SPECIALIST THAT PROVIDES
SERVICES TO THE FORESTRY SECTOR?



DO YOU REPRESENT OR ADVOCATE FOR
FORESTRY WORKERS OR BUSINESSES?

**If you are involved in forestry work
either directly or through others, this
consultation will be relevant to you.**

*We want your views on how best to
manage risks at work.*

MBIE is looking at how risks involving plant, structures and heights are managed at work.

We are also looking at how best to manage the risks of **high-risk plant**, such as cranes and pressure equipment, and whether certain types of forestry equipment should be included as 'high-risk' – e.g. cable loggers and feller bunchers.

Plant includes any vehicle, machinery, equipment, tool, vessel and/or aircraft etc. Examples in forestry include skidders, feller bunchers, log haulers and harvesters.

Structures include anything that is constructed, whether fixed or moveable, temporary or permanent. Examples in forestry include roads, bridges, fences and buildings.

The old regulations are out of date, piecemeal and prescriptive. For example, rules about guarding only cover some specific types of machinery, and requirements for roll-over protection and seatbelts in mobile plant are prescriptive with a lot of exemptions.

We want the regulations to be future-proofed for new kinds of equipment. We want them to be durable, effective, proportionate, clear and cost-effective to ensure workers are protected from harm and businesses know how to do this well.



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Plant and Structures can cause significant harm

Plant and structures are everywhere – they are used in a wide range sectors and for many different purposes at work. Plant and structures are involved in 76% of work-related fatalities. Risks associated with plant and structures kill and seriously injure individuals every day.

Risks from machinery, equipment, vehicles and structures are some of the key risks in forestry work.

2008–2017

PLANT OR STRUCTURES

were involved in

39% of work-related deaths in the forestry sector.

That's 19 people



Tell us what you think

Want to be a part of the discussions that could affect you?

We need your feedback on the effects of the proposals on your business, work or workplace to make sure we achieve practical, effective and better options for change. To make a submission visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBIE-plant-and-structures

To find out more – visit our website at:
www.mbie.govt.nz/plant-and-structures

IDEAS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT



How do we protect people working with plant or mobile plant?

We want to talk to you about how to strengthen risk management in your work with plant (e.g. lifting equipment, log haulers) including:

- › Guarding and safety features – ensuring these are used properly
- › Cleaning and maintenance – what kind of controls do we need to protect the person cleaning or maintaining plant?
- › Plant lifecycle – ensuring plant stays safe from commissioning to decommissioning, and when it is altered
- › Managing the risks to operators, passengers and others from mobile plant (e.g. vehicles, skidders, mulchers)

Find out more in the [plant factsheet](#) and [mobile plant factsheet](#)



How do we manage the risks of high-risk plant?

We want to discuss:

- › Options for registration of the designs of some high-risk plant.
- › Options for registration of individual items of plant that present the highest risk.
- › Inspection, operation and record keeping requirements for high-risk plant
- › Should some forestry equipment like fellerbunchers and cable loggers be included?

Find out more in the [high-risk plant factsheet](#)



How do we ensure plant and structures are designed, manufactured, imported, supplied and installed to be healthy and safe?

We want to discuss:

- › Options for designers, manufacturers, suppliers and importers to ensure designs are safe
- › Options for ensuring all parties in the supply chain receive the information they need to ensure safety

Find out more in the [designers etc. factsheet](#)