

# Southland and South Otago Wood Residue Assessment – Preliminary Findings



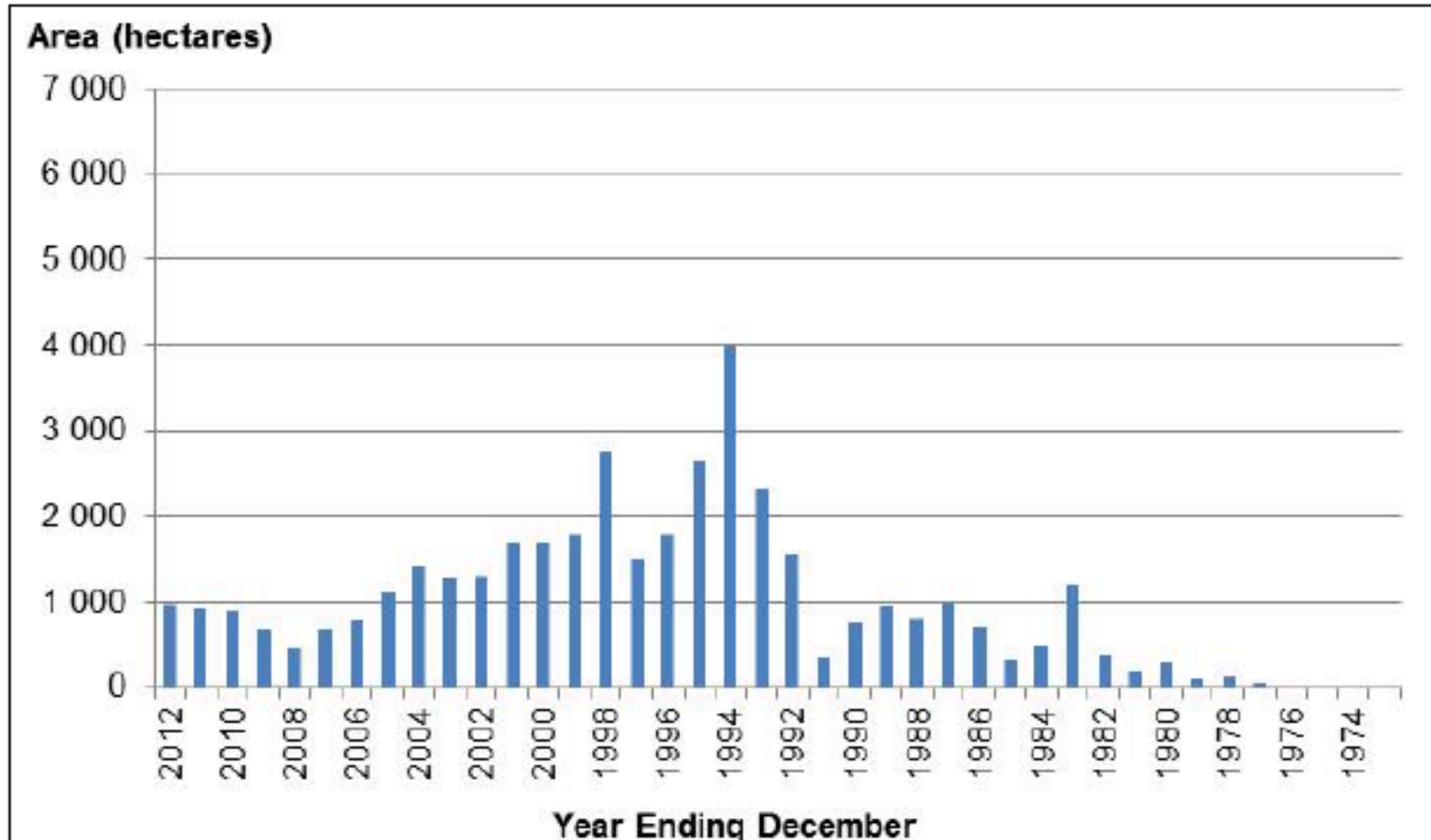
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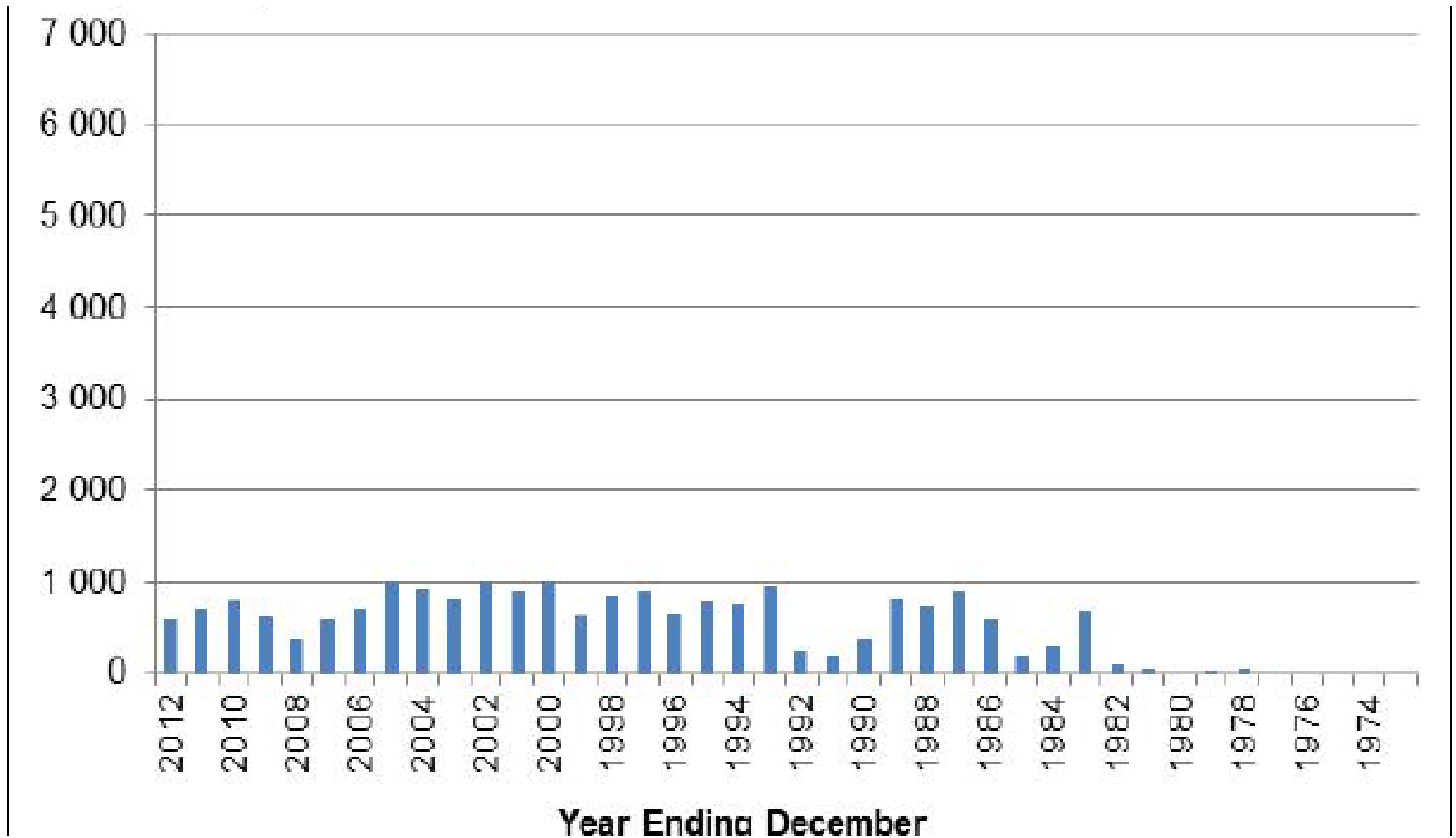
# Overview

- High level overview of forest estate
- Modelled woodflows
- Existing markets
- Opportunity for diversification into wood energy
- Indications of opportunity

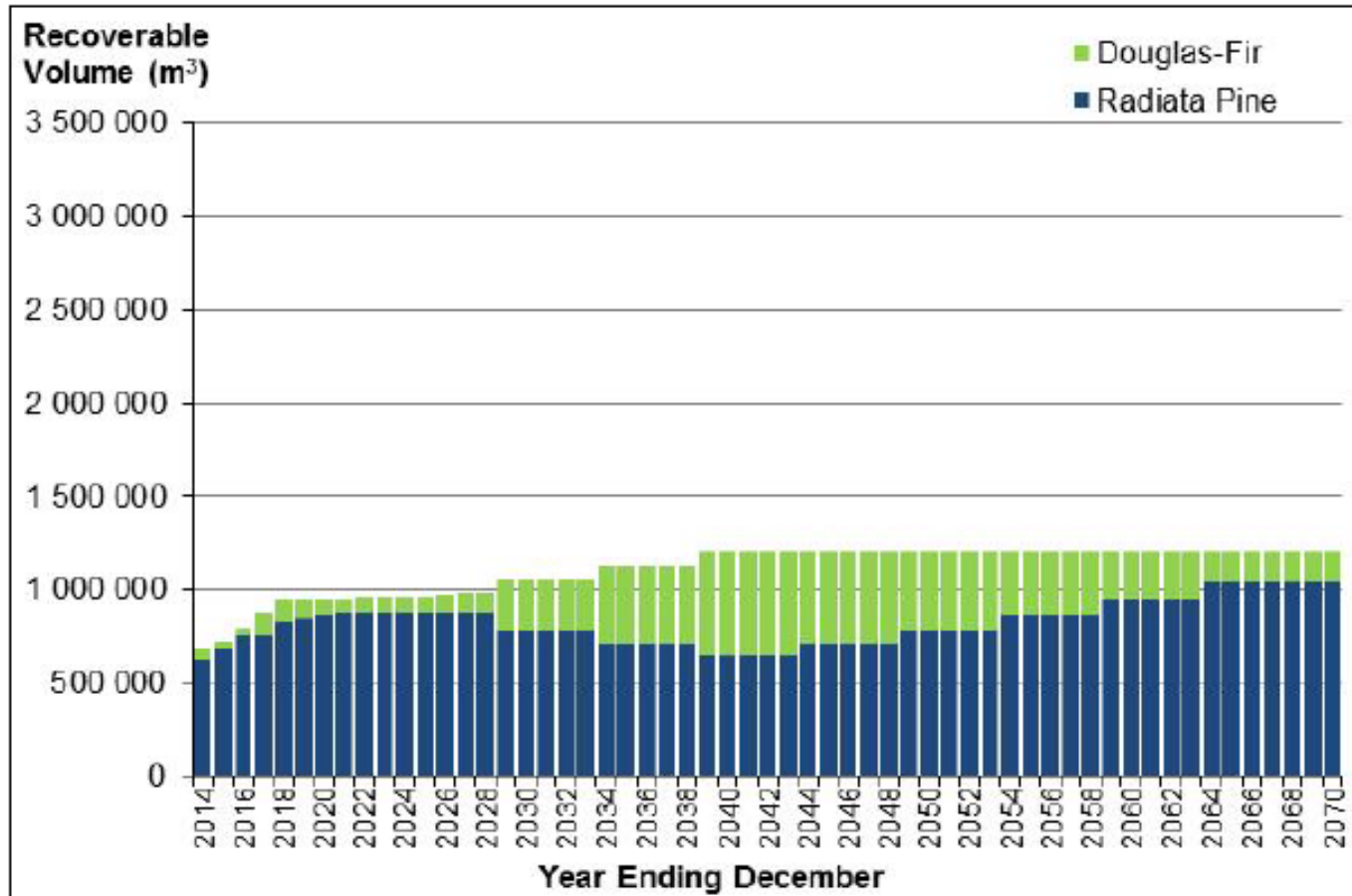
# Southland Forest Age Class (all owners)



# Southland Large Forest Owners Estate



# Expected Southland woodflow



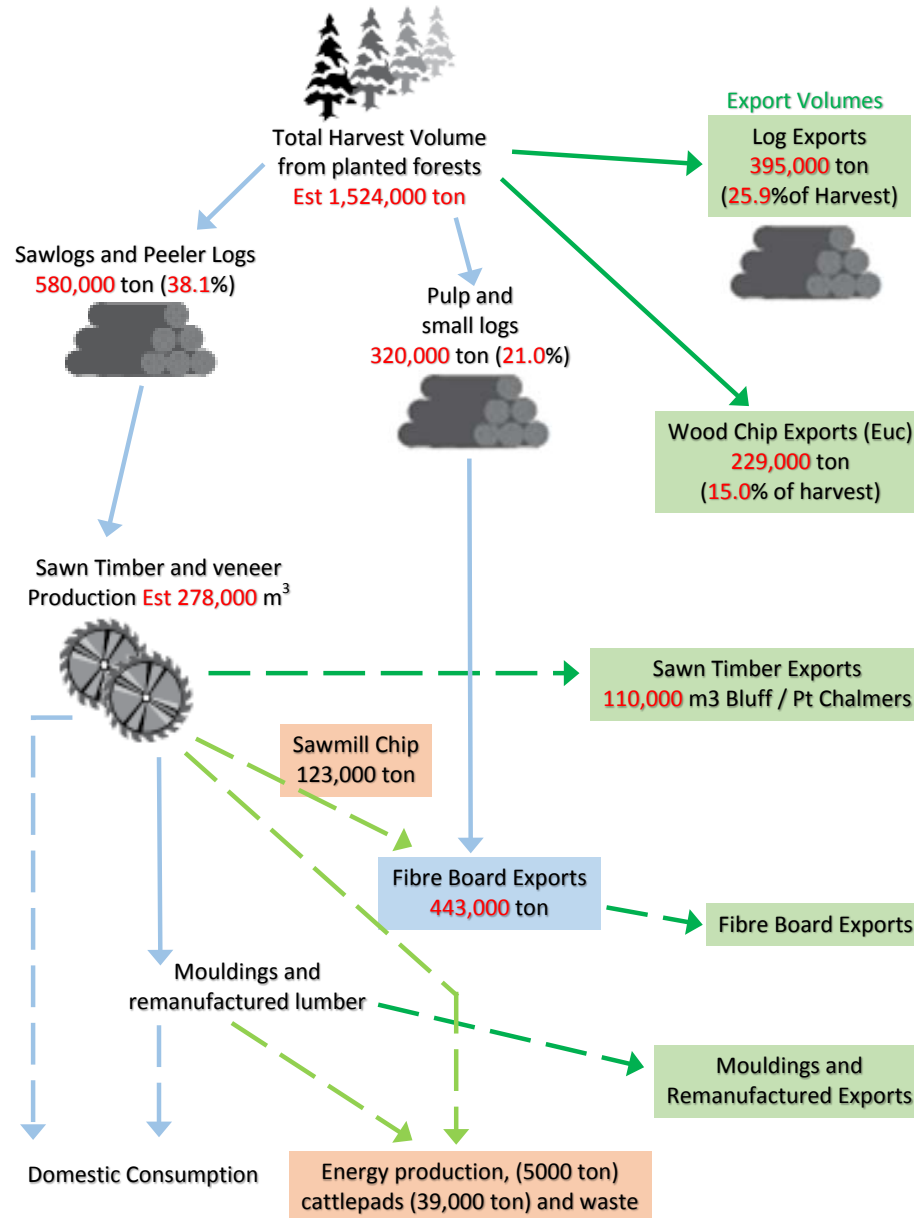


# Existing outlets for low value logs

- Export Chip
- Export Pulp
- MDF Chip
- Billet wood
- Firewood
- Wood energy



## Estimated Log Flow in the Southland Forest Industry year end 2014



**C3 & NFA Bluff**

14 may 2014 to 15 May 2015

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Grade</b>           | <b>Pieces</b> | <b>Volume</b> | <b>Weight</b> |              |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| CORSC          | A                      | 260           | 137           | 167           | 0.0%         |
| CORSC          | K                      | 142           | 31            | 40            | 0.0%         |
| CORSC          | KI                     | 85            | 48            | 69            | 0.0%         |
| DF             | CF-                    | 2883          | 1285          | 1384          | 0.4%         |
| DF             | CF+                    | 2877          | 1653          | 1533          | 0.4%         |
| DF             | CIS                    | 3583          | 422           | 541           | 0.1%         |
| DF             | CM                     | 16783         | 2643          | 3071          | 0.8%         |
| R              | A                      | 121092        | 74589         | 81513         | 22.0%        |
| R              | K                      | 370468        | 117300        | 131768        | 35.5%        |
| R              | KI                     | 100275        | 57990         | 68474         | 18.5%        |
| R              | KIS                    | 236507        | 42894         | 51258         | 13.8%        |
| R              | KM                     | 130497        | 23914         | 28176         | 7.6%         |
| R              | P                      | 199           | 133           | 138           | 0.0%         |
| R              | P30                    | 367           | 169           | 169           | 0.0%         |
| R              | PE                     | 1594          | 1133          | 1473          | 0.4%         |
| R              | PP                     | 1500          | 1144          | 1131          | 0.3%         |
|                |                        |               |               |               |              |
|                |                        |               | <b>325483</b> | <b>370904</b> |              |
|                | industrial export tons |               |               |               |              |
|                | KI & KIS               |               |               | <b>119731</b> | <b>32.3%</b> |

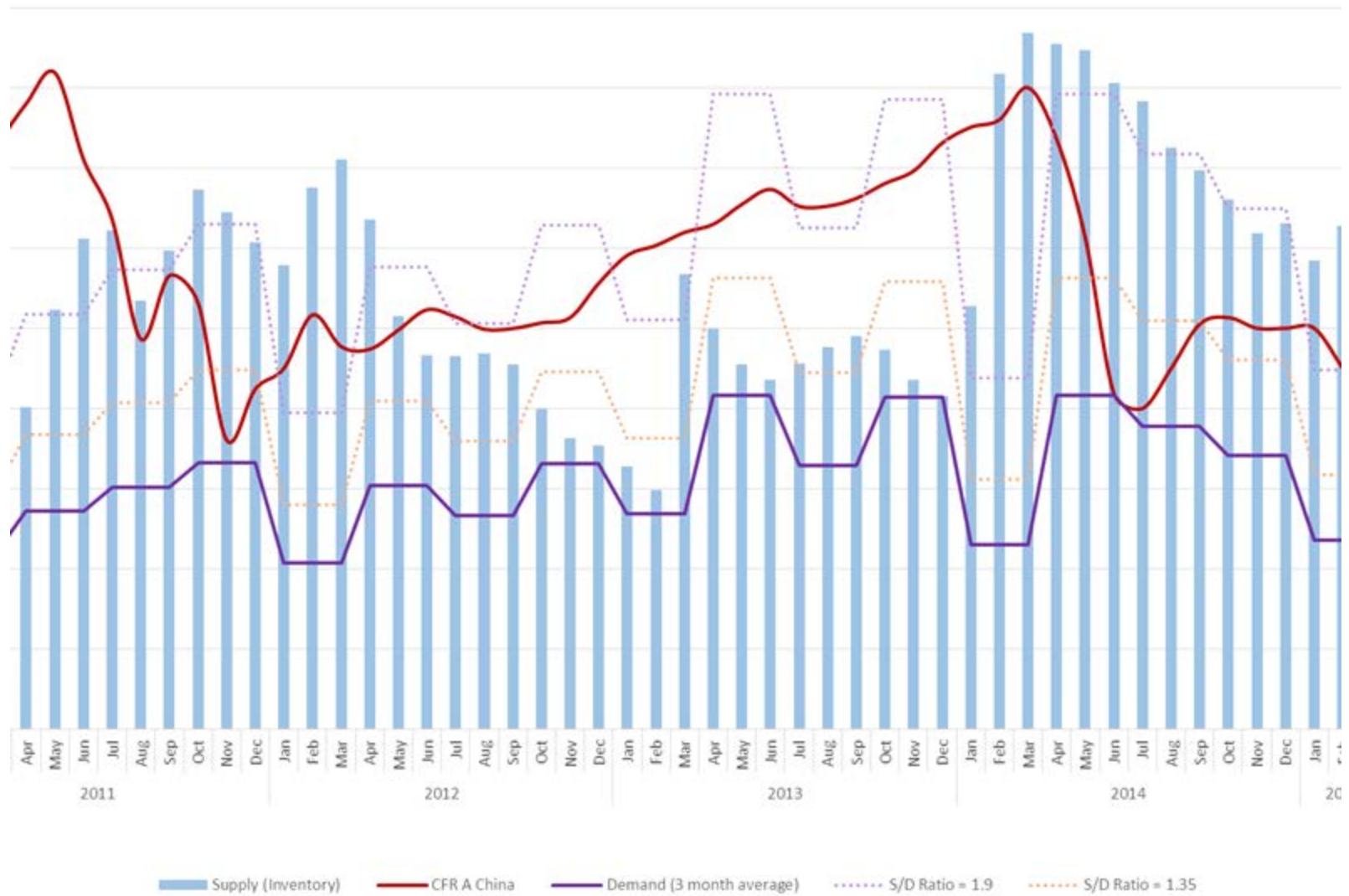


# Sawmill residue

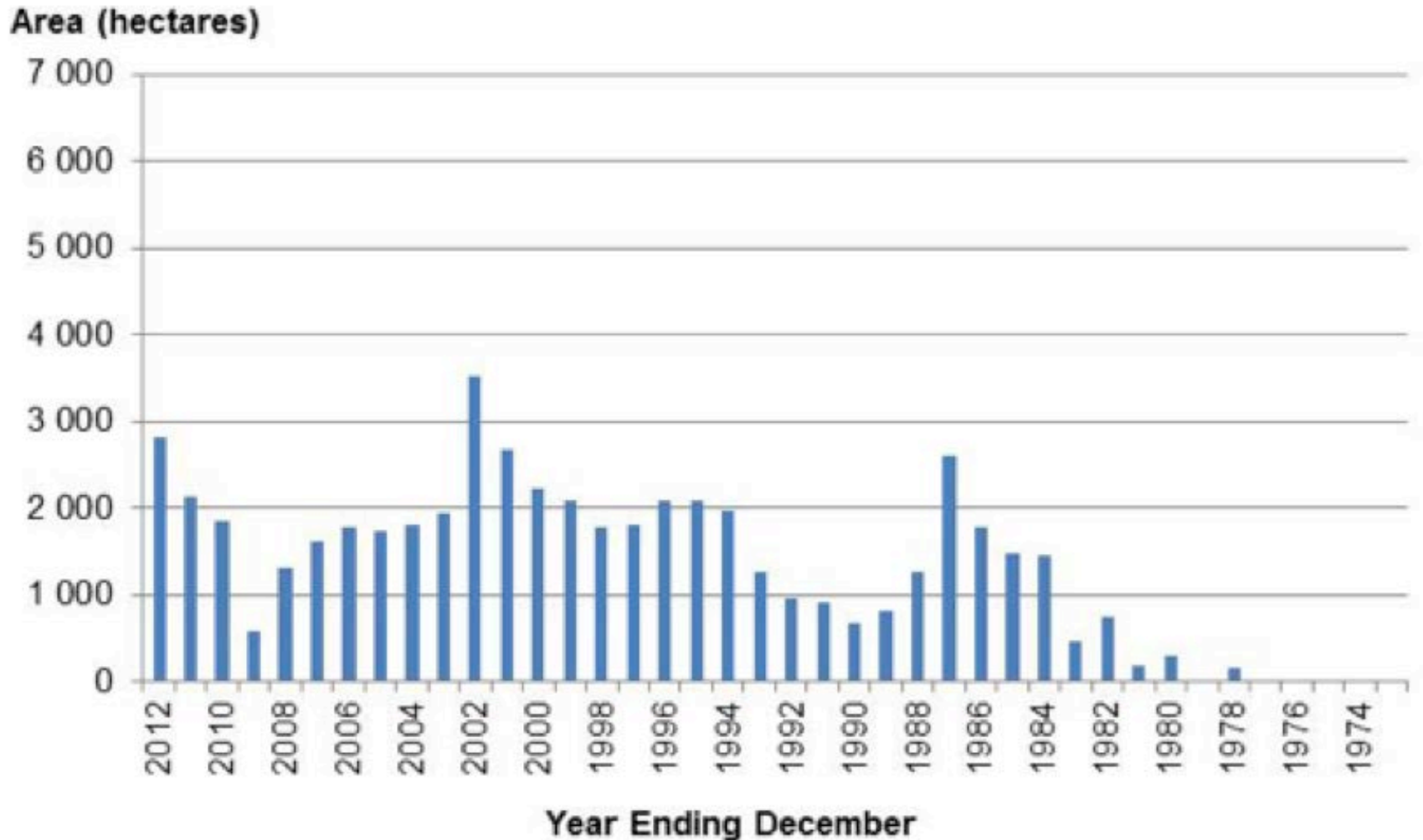


|                  |          | YEAR    | YEAR      | YEAR        |  |
|------------------|----------|---------|-----------|-------------|--|
| SAWMILL          |          | Log ton | Chips ton | Sawdust     |  |
| Mill 1           |          | 3800    | 800       | 250         |  |
| Mill 2           |          | 260,000 | 54,000    | 100% boiler |  |
| Mill 3           |          | 13000   | 4500      | 1000        |  |
| Mill 4           | estimate | 11000   | 5000      |             |  |
| Mill 5           |          | 200,000 | 60000     | 100% boiler |  |
| Mill 6           |          | 40,000  | 14,400    | 3800        |  |
| Mill 7           |          | 19,200  | 9600      | 4800        |  |
| Mill 8           | estimate | 20,000  | 9500      | 4500        |  |
| Mill 9           | estimate | 14,000  | 4900      | 1120        |  |
|                  |          |         |           |             |  |
|                  |          | 581000  | 162700    |             |  |
|                  |          |         |           |             |  |
| MDF chips        |          |         | 123,600   |             |  |
|                  |          |         |           |             |  |
| Stock pads chips |          |         | 39,100    |             |  |

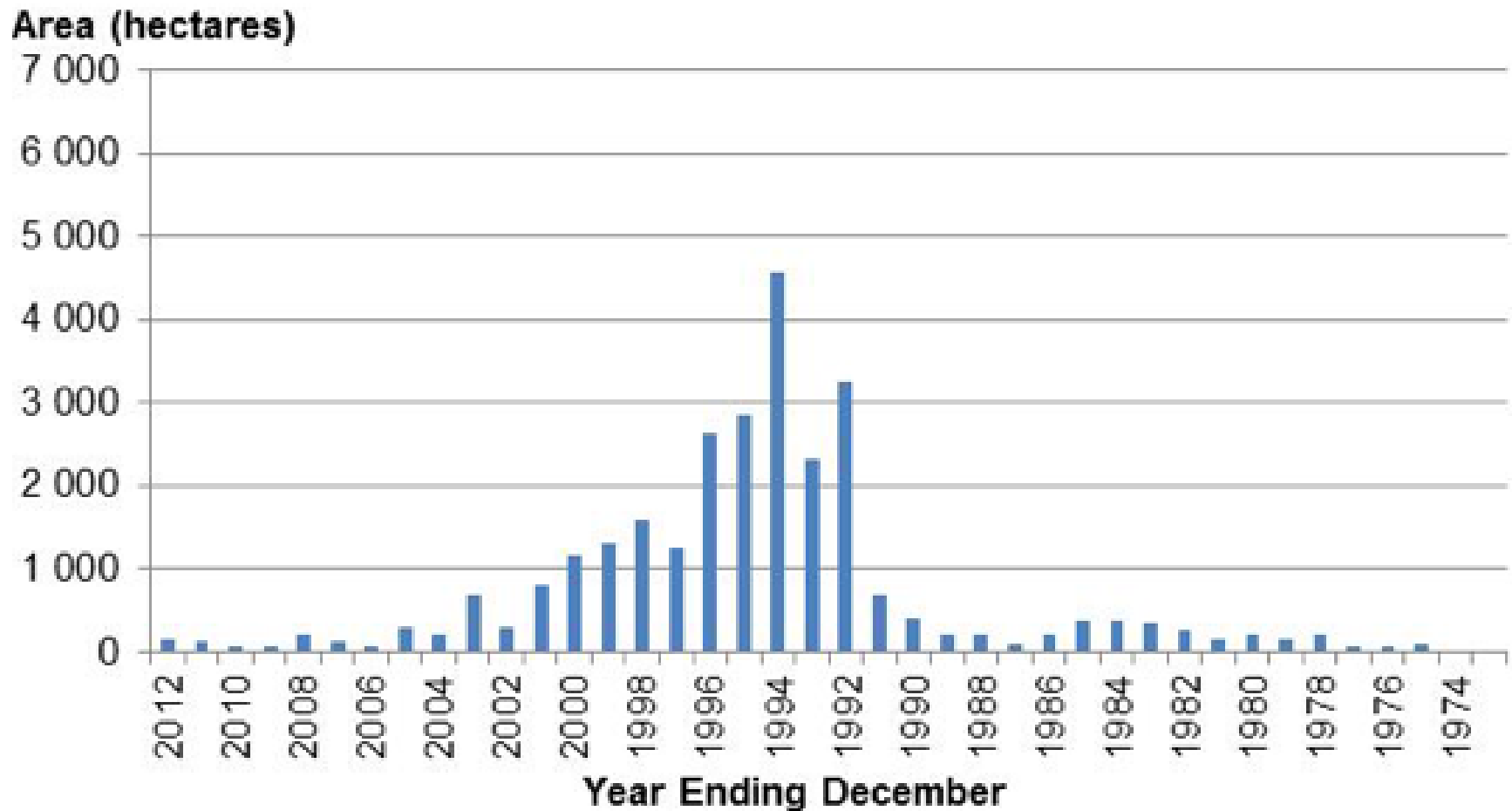
NZ A-Grade Log Price (CFR USD) vs Supply & Demand



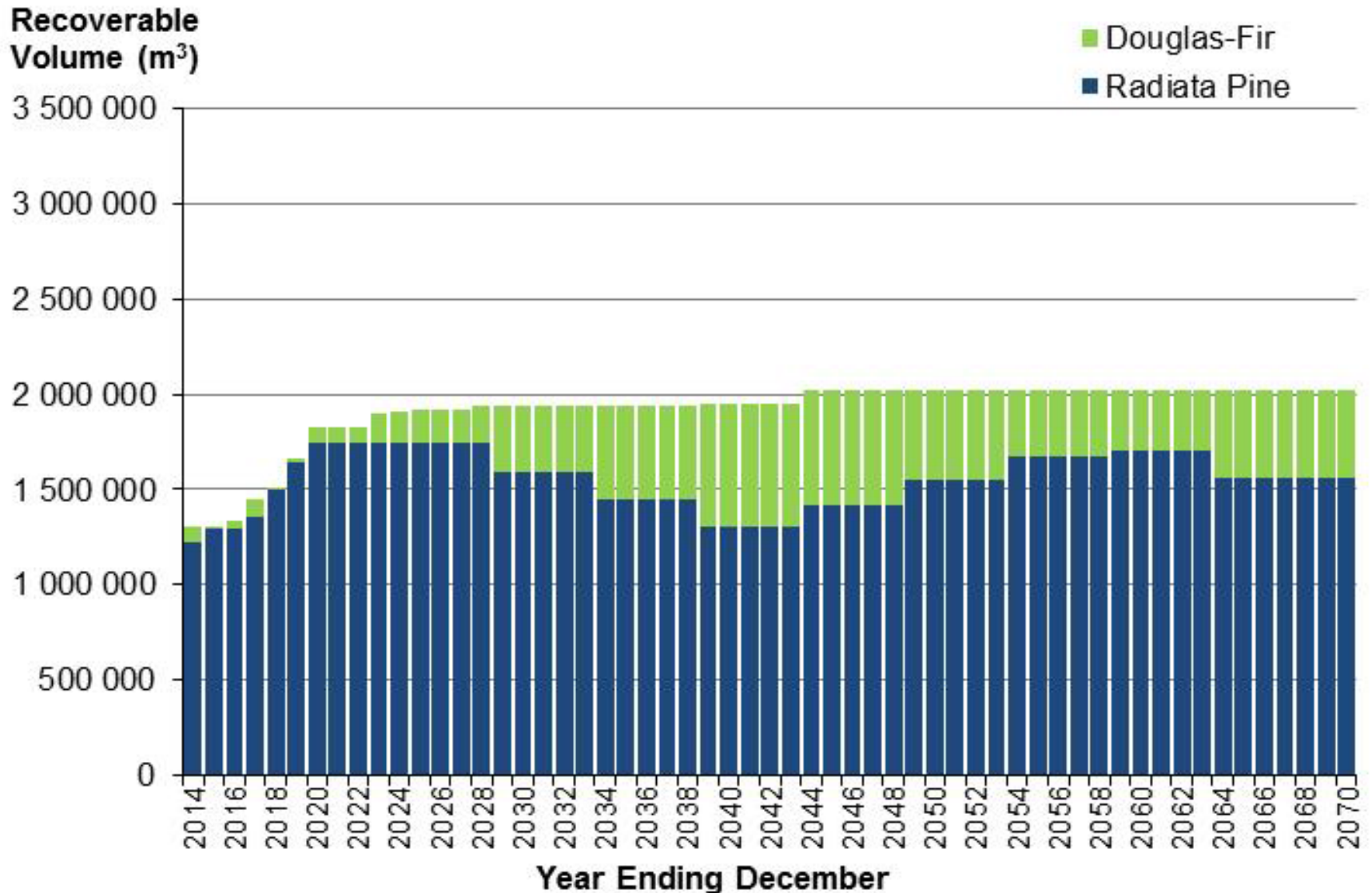
# Otago Forest Estate



# Otago Small Grower Estate



# Expected Otago Woodflow



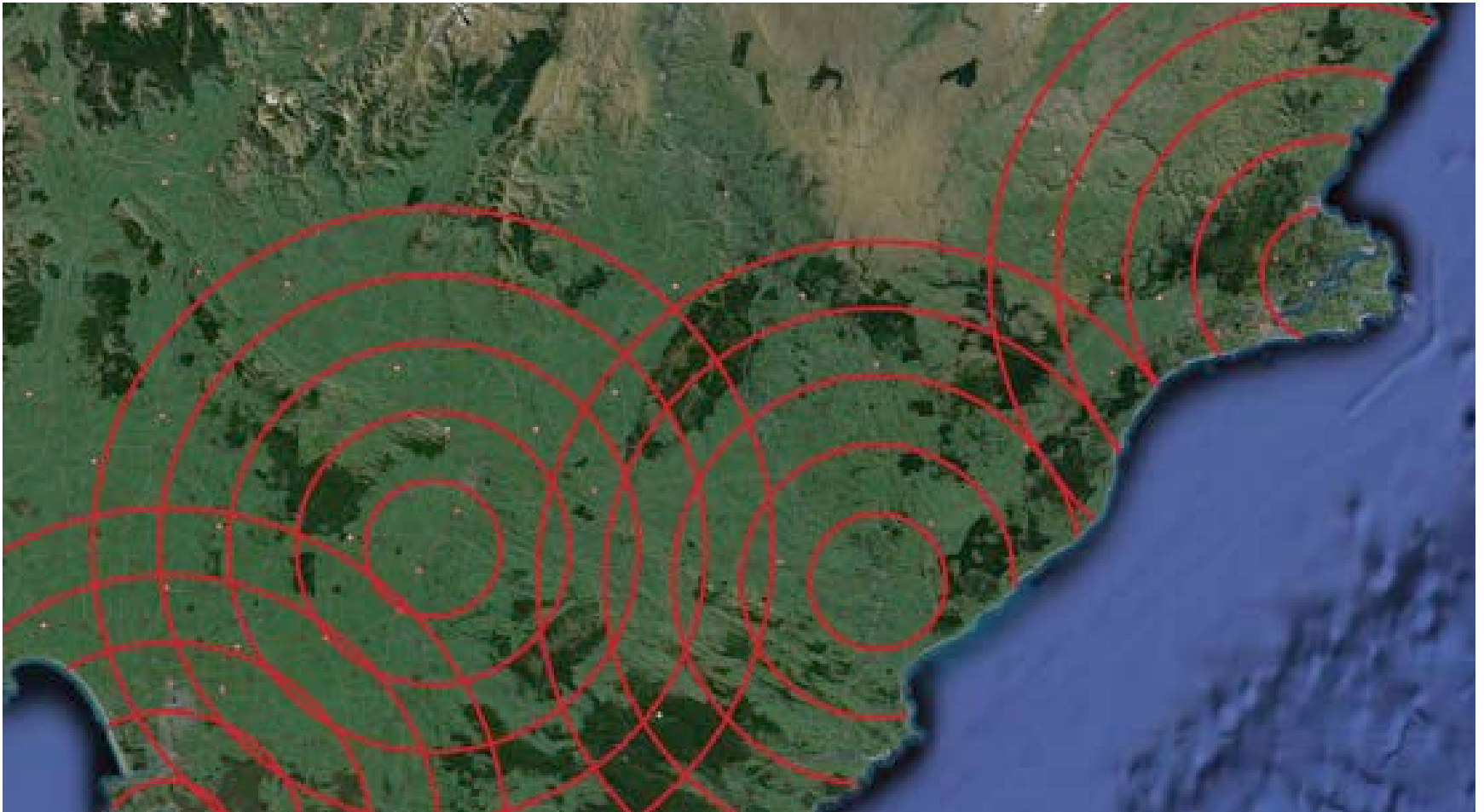


# Opportunity Cost – what is the value?

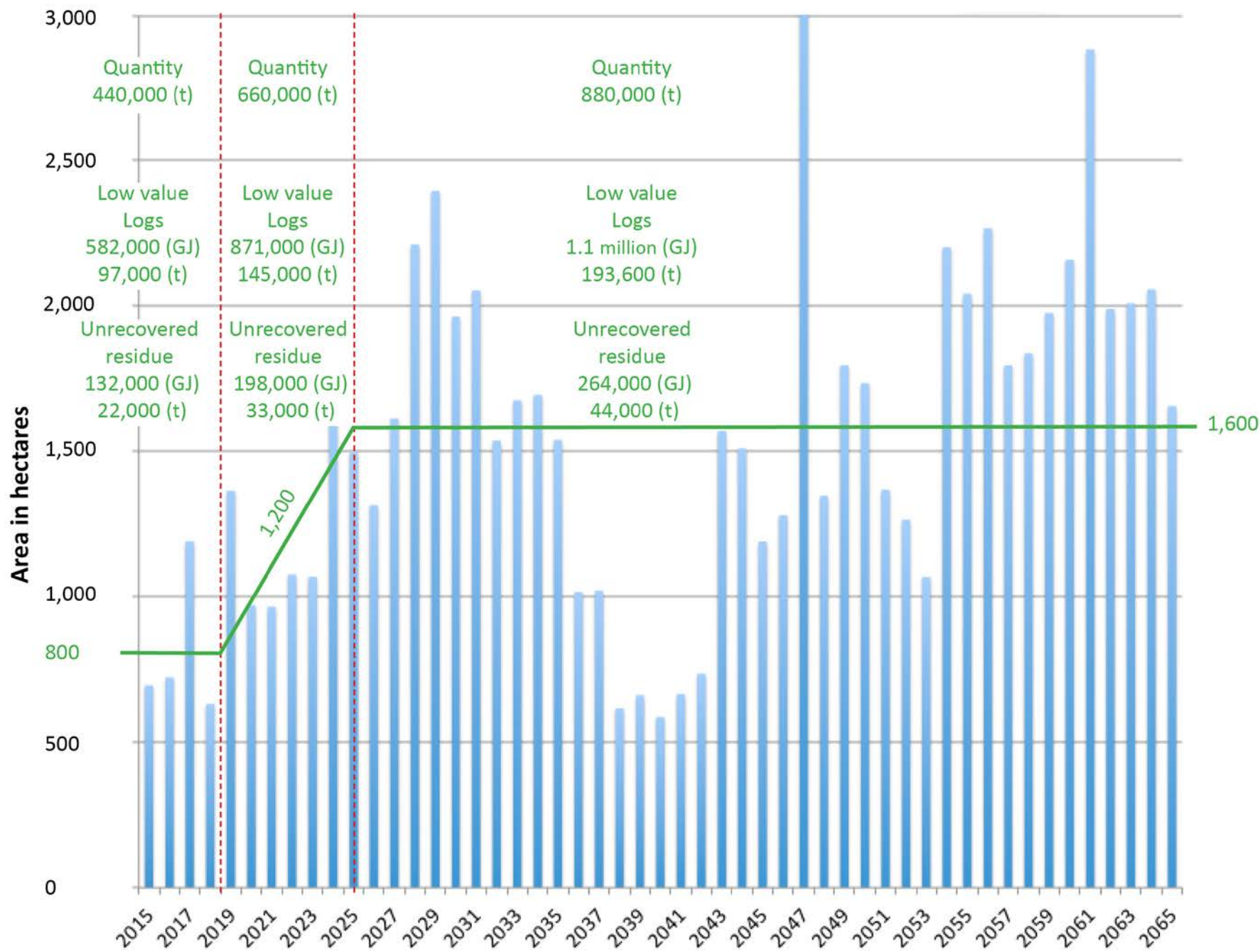
| Gross Price (\$/t) | \$60 / t                   | \$48-50 / t | \$40 / t | \$50 / t  | \$45 / t  | \$40 / t        |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Product            | Pulp                       | Chip        | Billet   | Energy    | Energy    | Energy (Billet) |
| Destination        | Bluff/Chalmers             | Mataura     | Mataura  | Clydevale | Clydevale | Clydevale       |
| Origin             | Net Return to Forest Owner |             |          |           |           |                 |
| Milton             | \$21.00                    | \$5.00      | \$3.00   | \$13.50   | \$8.50    | \$11.20         |
| Waipori            | \$22.00                    | \$-         | \$-5.00  | \$11.00   | \$6.00    | \$9.00          |
| Beaumont           | \$9.00                     | \$5.00      | \$ 3.00* | \$18.00   | \$13.00   | \$13.00*        |
| Tapanui            | \$9.00                     | \$11.00     | \$ 9.00* | \$13.00   | \$8.00    | \$6.00*         |
|                    |                            |             |          |           |           |                 |

\* does not commonly supply the billet wood market

# Proximity to market is key



# Forecast Harvest area for Beaumont, Waipori and Coastal Otago Corporate Forests



# Unrecovered residue

- Maintaining space on processing site is key
- Handling small residues is expensive
- The value must be greater than the cost!
- Without an attached value, it will continue to be treated as waste



# Supply Chain



- Manage as another log grade
- Cart as is produced
- Process off site – at end destination?
- Least handling is best

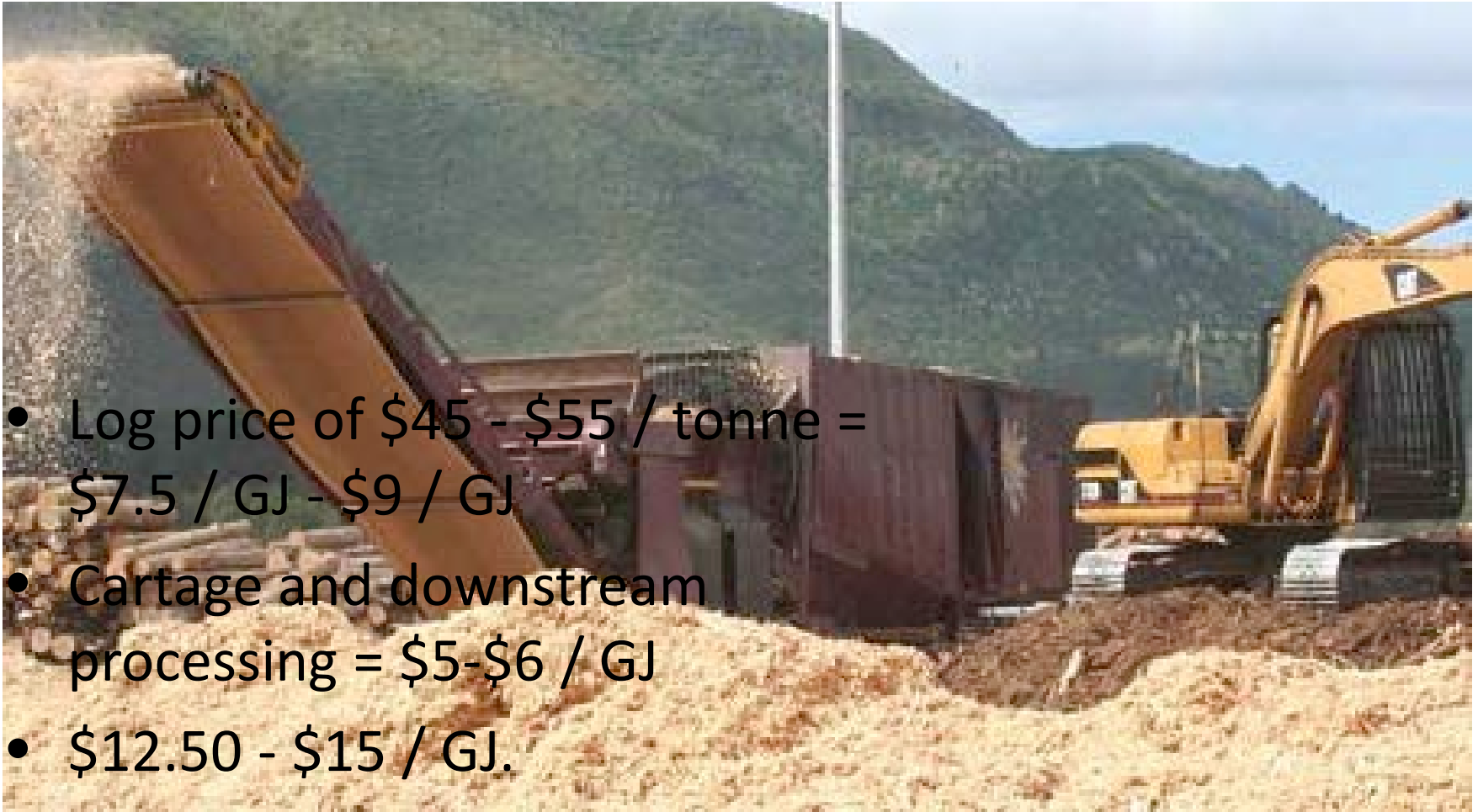
Downside:

- Max out on volume, rather than weight.



# Cost of wood energy

- Log price of \$45 - \$55 / tonne =  
\$7.5 / GJ - \$9 / GJ
- Cartage and downstream  
processing = \$5-\$6 / GJ
- \$12.50 - \$15 / GJ.



# Conclusions

- It is not waste – it is energy. Value it.
- Geographically isolated end users proximate to forests can build strong relationships with forest owners
- End users in areas of higher competition for low value logs will need to secure market share.
- New competition is desired.
- Building strong domestic markets with stable prices trumps export volatility