## From the President

# Foresters to Forestry – one year on

At last year's AGM we changed our name from the New Zealand Institute of Foresters to the New Zealand Institute of Forestry. Looking back after one year, the benefits of the change far outweigh any disadvantages. In fact, I find it difficult to see that we have lost anything from the name change. On the other hand, there have been some major advantages.

The name change has encouraged Council to totally reconsider the role of the Institute. That role, which is far more a forestry one than a forester one, can be summarised as:

- being a major advocate for forestry;
- providing a forum for discussion on forestry related matters;
- providing a fraternity in which members can meet and keep contact.

Council is looking to a future constitutional change which formally incorporates our role. Such a move might replace our present policy statement.

Perhaps the greatest advantage of the name change comes when dealing with the media, other agencies and the public. Although their interpretation of what the Institute stands for may be a little different from ours, there is no doubt those outside the Institute have an understanding of what the Institute stands for. Our Institute is clearly concerned about forestry and related matters, and there is very little need to explain further who or what we are. If we were still the Institute of Foresters, I would have had a major task explaining the name and who or what we stand for.

#### **Major Advance**

The name change was a major advance. The task ahead now is to make the most of the opportunity now made possible by being a NZ Institute of Forestry.

# Changes in membership

At the Council meeting of November 19, 1988 and February 9, 1989 the following new members were accepted:

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