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## What is forest policy?

When a policy direction is agreed upon and is in place it should **guide forestry practice on settlement land.**

The policy will provide clear **direction** to CAFN government **when developing forest legislation.**

## How can forest policy be developed?

**By engaging CAFN citizens in conversations** designed to establish forest management policy direction for settlement lands. This will be done by asking and answering the following **questions;**

- What purpose do forests serve for CAFN communities?
- How will different interests be balanced?
- Who will manage, care for and use particular forests and under what set of rules?
- How will the rules be crafted?
- How will rules be put into practice and how will their effects be measured?

*Note: there is a questionnaire that expands on these questions.*

## Two Key Influences

### Climate change and Sustainable Management

#### Climate change:

- ❖ Climate change has impacted forests in the CAFN traditional territory

#### Sustainable management:

- ❖ Sustainable societies and cultures;
- ❖ Sustainable economies;
- ❖ Sustainable environments.

## Climate

The climate is changing due to human caused green house gas emissions.

CAFN must **plan for the future** and forest policy must be adaptable and clear so decision makers can manage the forest as part of a **climate oriented policy**.

**Forests** can be managed as a **renewable and carbon neutral source of energy and other forest products** required to maintain current and future generations

## Sustainable forestry

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Social/cultural

Economy

Environment

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## Sustainability is about interconnected values

- The **separation** may be necessary for enhancing the **free flow** of ideas but;
- in reality these are **not three separate** sets of ideas or concepts they are **highly integrated elements** of the same concept.....*Sustainability*.
- **Sustainability** is an essential part of the set of values referred to in the **CAFN Constitution**.

## CAFN Constitution is Supreme Law

All legislation must meet the principles found in the constitution  
by providing a clear vision:

- The rights and responsibility to preserve, enhance and protect **a wide range of values**;
- To ensure proper management and control of CAFN natural resources;
- To develop a responsible and accountable government.

## Why develop forest policy?

Forestry **is one of five** economic development  
streams identified in the Community Economic  
Development Plan:

- Promote **economic success and prosperity** by using the forest to **create jobs, entrepreneurial** activity and citizen financial dividends;
- while ensuring that community benefits are evaluated before commercial activities occur on settlement land forests.

## Policy factors identified in Economic Development Plan

Forest policies including **appropriate legislation and operating procedures** will create the certainty for forest users;

While providing certainty that socio-economic and environmental **tradeoffs are within acceptable limits.**

You are invited to participate in  
this important conversation  
and exchange of ideas.

Fill out the questionnaire.

Talk to your friends and neighbors.

Contact or send a letter to the CAFN Lands  
and Resources Department.

## Today keep in mind the following:

- Climate and Sustainability,
- Forest resource inventories including; non-timber; cultural and heritage,
- Consultation; with whom
- Forest planning; time and space
- Timber supply; where and how much
- Type of tenure; long term and short term, big and small
- Rules of operation
- Reforestation; natural and planting
- Price; free or user pay
- Compliance and enforcement
- Forest protection; fire, insects and disease