# Climate change policy 2015: state of play

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### Abroad: towards Paris 2015

- Better, clearer science communication
- Dysfunctional UN process expect modest result in Paris
- But momentum outside the UN, e.g. :
  - Major shift towards renewables in electricity generation
  - Technological breakthroughs
- NZ will need a number and a narrative this year

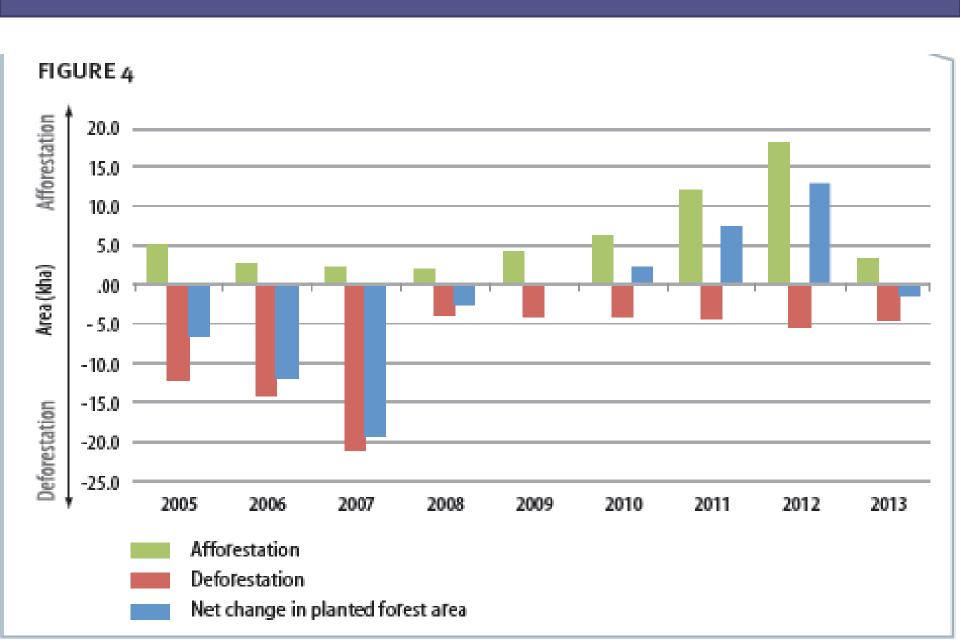
## At home: awaiting policy direction

- Disconnect of emissions trends and current targets
- High-level direction (the NZ transformation to a low carbon economy) yet to be clarified
- ETS review + international deadlines
- Much work currently going on in New Zealand- increasing involvement of business.
- Technical potential for wind etc is high
- Carbon markets will take time to develop

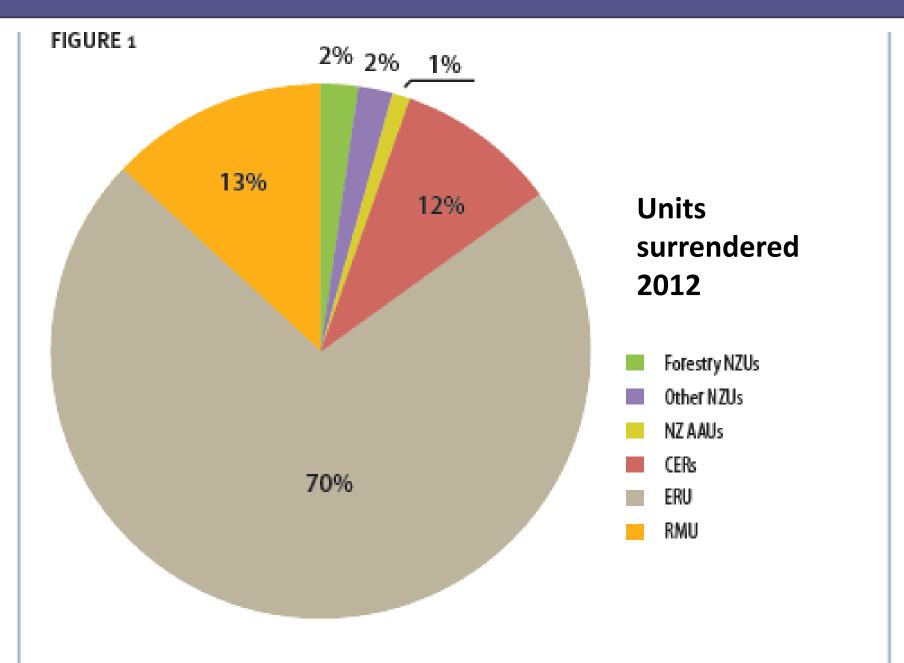
# Net emissions projections to 2040 against targets



### Net change in planted forest area 2005-2013



### 'Hot air' in the NZ ETS



### NZ's climate change story for 2015...

Defensive?	Tricky?	Confident?
<ul> <li>"this is really costly and there's so little that we can do"</li> <li>but you can count on us to do our fair share if and when others do</li> <li>See: (this is approximately the current line).</li> <li>Focus = international, short-term, cost.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>some sort of carve-out for agriculture</li> <li>unilateral forestry rules</li> <li>avoiding an economy-wide target</li> <li>seeking credit in terms of mitigation for what we are doing on research.</li> <li>See: censored sections of briefings to the new govt</li> <li>Focus = medium-term, NZ special case, protection of livestock sector</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"NZ's economy is well on the way to the necessary transition to low carbon, and these are our plans for completing the process".</li> <li>sectoral plans, ETS</li> <li>economy-wide target</li> <li>"stretch" contributions to global efforts(target/\$)</li> <li>See: not quite</li> <li>Focus:= domestic, long-term, transition to low carbon</li> </ul>