

## Canterbury Woodchip Supplies is our first accredited supplier

The Bioenergy Association is pleased to announce the accreditation of Canterbury Wood Chip Supplies.



The Bioenergy Association Wood Fuel Supply Accreditation Scheme was launched in February 2015. More details about the Accreditation Scheme are available on the Association's [UseWoodFuelNZ website](#). Applications from members supplying wood fuel are welcome. Brad Coleman from Canterbury Wood Chip Supplies says:

*"As this sector grows, I see the need for an Accreditation scheme to be developed and enforced. It will seek to ensure the consistent delivery of quality fuel to valued customers, creating confidence that all contractual terms are met. It will provide certainty not only for the users of wood fuel, but also the suppliers."*

*"Of course, there is likely to be some resistance from current wood-fuel suppliers, as they see yet another set of rules and regulations being introduced to their industry...however, this will only come from those who do not understand the importance of, or are not prepared to lift their product to a standard that will soon be recognised across NZ. "*

*"The danger of an unregulated industry is having sub-standard products entering the market and creating a poor image for the entire industry. Accreditation is an obvious way to set a standard which can be measured and ensure that those **not** committed to meeting these requirements are discouraged. Sub-standard supply not only leads to poor product, but also a lack of confidence for the benefits of wood fuels. This is something that this industry cannot afford!"*

[Read more from Brad from the recent Rotorua wood fuel event](#) in May 2004 ([see programme](#)).