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Media Statement

Bioenergy Association increases support for heat plant operators

The New Zealand Bioenergy Association is increasing its support for wood fuelled heat plant operators and maintenance staff to help plant owners improve the operation of their plant and encourage others to move from coal to wood fuel.

"The amount of wood fuel replacing coal is growing each year and we want to ensure heat plant operating and maintenance staff are well supported," says the Association's Executive Officer Brian Cox.

The Bioenergy Association is holding its first forum for heat plant operators and maintenance staff in Rotorua on 26 June.

"The forum will allow heat plant owners and operators to share experiences and learn from each other about how to optimise wood fuelled heat plant operation," says Mr Cox. More information about the forum is available at http://www.usewoodfuel.org.nz/news.html#conferences

He says the Bioenergy Association is increasing its focus on efficient use of wood energy facilities through its continuing professional development programme and other member events so those contemplating moving from coal to wood fuel are comfortable with its use because wood fuel performs quite differently to coal.

The Bioenergy Association is also developing more training courses and regularly holds webinars so members can keep up to date with the latest best practice in the fast growing wood fuel sector.

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About the New Zealand Bioenergy Association
Bioenergy has the potential to add revenue of $6 billion per year to the country's economy.

The Bioenergy Association helps its members to develop and grow their bioenergy businesses, raises awareness of the benefits of bioenergy and provides the latest information about the bioenergy sector, both in New Zealand and internationally.

Its Vision is for 25 percent of New Zealand's consumer energy supply to be from bioenergy by 2040.

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