At least four provinces of Canada have their own associations of professional foresters.

If we do make the change from "Forester" to "Forestry" we will not be alone and we can certainly still fully represent the interests of the profession.

Changing our name from the NZ Institute of Foresters to the New Zealand Institute of Forestry has wide membership support, it removes problems about the definition of exactly what is a forester, and is consistent with what most members see as the Institute's primary role – the advancement and advocacy of forestry.

W. R. J. Sutton
(President Elect)

Chinese fir

Sir,

I am a forestry student at the School of Forestry, University of Canterbury and am doing masterate research on a provenance study of Chinese fir (Cunninghamia lanceolata) with respect to its potential as a commercial forest tree species in New Zealand.

I intend to raise a number of provenances from seed and conduct nursery trials which will form the basis of the study. In addition to this I would like to examine any older stands or specimens grown here in New Zealand.

To this end I would be grateful if any of your members or readers could supply me with any information on New Zealand grown Cunninghamia (e.g. location, ownership, growth data, wood properties, etc.). My address for any such information is:

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