to staining and incipient rot on newly-sawn radiata pine timber.

The Forest Research Institute, Rotorua, and the DSIR Plant Protection Division, Auckland, were involved at an early stage of development of the formulation, providing information on the nature of the fungal challenge. After looking at several different formulations, Welcome has Lignen AS.

The FRI assisted with evaluation in New Zealand of the product, and Welcome also organised trials in Queensland and South East Asia.

The New Zealand formulation will be offered to the Australasian market, and through Welcome's international network, world-wide.

MISLEADING INFORMATION?

Sir,

As the ink dries on the Crown Forestry Licences and management rights pass from public to private hands, I guess we should be glad that established New Zealand forest owners have been to the fore in winning tenders. At least we can be confident that these forests will be managed by socially responsible and thoroughly trustworthy agencies. Or can we?

Since the Hon. Roger Douglas announced the sale in his 1988 Budget, the New Zealand industry has courted the politicians and the public to gain their favour. Some of their public statements, in retrospect, are worthy of re-examination.

In December 1988 the New Zealand Forest Industries Council released the following statement:

"The New Zealand Forest Industries Council has expressed concern over recent misleading publicity regarding the future employment prospects for staff of the Forestry Corporation, describing it as unsoundly based and at odds with undertakings given by the industry to the Government.

"Opposition MP for Tarawera Ian McLean has reportedly stated that staff at the Forestry Corporation's Kaingaroa office and Prolog mill should be fearful over their future employment prospects as a result of the Government's decision to sell the State forests. This is simply not true as New Zealand industry has collectively undertaken to take over all Corporation employees involved at district level, including the contracting work force, in any change in ownership as a result of privatisation of State forests. It is clear that following the corporatisation process the New Zealand Forestry Corporation carried out a rigorous review of staffing levels in State forests and the industry is confident that as a result of the steps taken, all staff remaining will be needed and will continue to make important contributions to future growth within the industry.

"It was expected that this