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In its extensive submission to the Climate Commission's draft recommendations to Government, EDS has called for greater priority to be given to fast-tracking the deployment of an expanded native afforestation sector. At present the ETS is the only national policy instrument that favours more exotic plantation forests. Most other policies including the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy, the draft National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity coupled with a vast effort by community groups are focused on restoring our native forests. The EDS submission points out that by planting a larger area of natives (approximately 4 times) we can sequester the equivalent carbon through to 2035 and then the trajectory keeps climbing way past exotics. Whilst the Climate Commission does favour natives after 2035, it needs to consider ramping up the incentives for natives at pace now: indigenous forests have superior benefits over exotics. It should also recommend an uplift in government investment in native plant nurseries. Finally, EDS has questioned the level of ambition regarding agriculture which continues to get an easy ride. The EDS submission is available [here](#).

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Phase 1 of EDS's major examination of the panoply of laws that govern conservation management in Aotearoa New Zealand is nearing completion. The 9-month study that seeks to identify the key shortcomings of the present system is now being peer reviewed and will be released shortly. Key findings point to the need for reform of the legal framework which is out of date and lacks clear direction. Phase 2 of the project, which will run during calendar 2022, will look for solutions and will recommend three scenarios for reform. The project is following the same analytical approach developed during the successful resource management reform project and we favour the creation of a "Randerson-type" panel of experts by Government to oversee the reform process. The project has been led by Dr Deidre Koolen-Bourke and Raewyn Peart

Jobs at EDS: Senior Policy Analyst and Office Manager

EDS is seeking to employ a suitable candidate in the position of **Senior Policy Analyst / Policy Analyst**, to assist with our research work on oceans reform. The appointee would be based in our Auckland office. We are looking for someone with sharp intellect, proven research analysis and writing skills, high self-motivation and the ability to work effectively in a small team. The ideal candidate will hold a postgraduate degree in law (Masters, PhD or similar) and degree in a relevant science. Knowledge of Te Ao Māori and an understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi would also be advantageous. Further details about the position are available [here](#).

The second position is that of **Office Manager**. This is a part-time role of approximately 25-30 hours per week. The Office Manager will provide business support to EDS's small team of 8 lawyers and policy researchers and will report to the CEO. The role will involve both financial management and generally ensuring the smooth and efficient running of our Auckland office. Detailed requirements are available [here](#).
