

## Resource and Environmental Planning Programme Seminar Series 2020

# ‘Perceptions, values and afforestation in the Wairoa District of Hawkes Bay’

- Dr Willie Smith

Forestry is again being promoted as part of climate change responses and as a form of regional development. However, establishing forestry is more than just planting trees so this seminar will address four key issues:

- Community perceptions and policy needs
- The importance of context
- Facts and perceptions
- Reconciliation and supporting change

**12pm, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

<https://massey.zoom.us/j/99447214529>

**ALL WELCOME**

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