



RADIATA PINE ELECTROPOLES



WHY WOOD?





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6.2m

HECTARES OF NATIVE
INDIGENOUS FOREST

1.8m

HECTARES OF
EXOTIC FOREST



90%

OF PRODUCTION FOREST
IS RADIATA PINE

35k

FORESTRY EMPLOYEES
IN NEW ZEALAND



\$6.7b

1.6% OF
NEW ZEALAND'S GDP

3rd

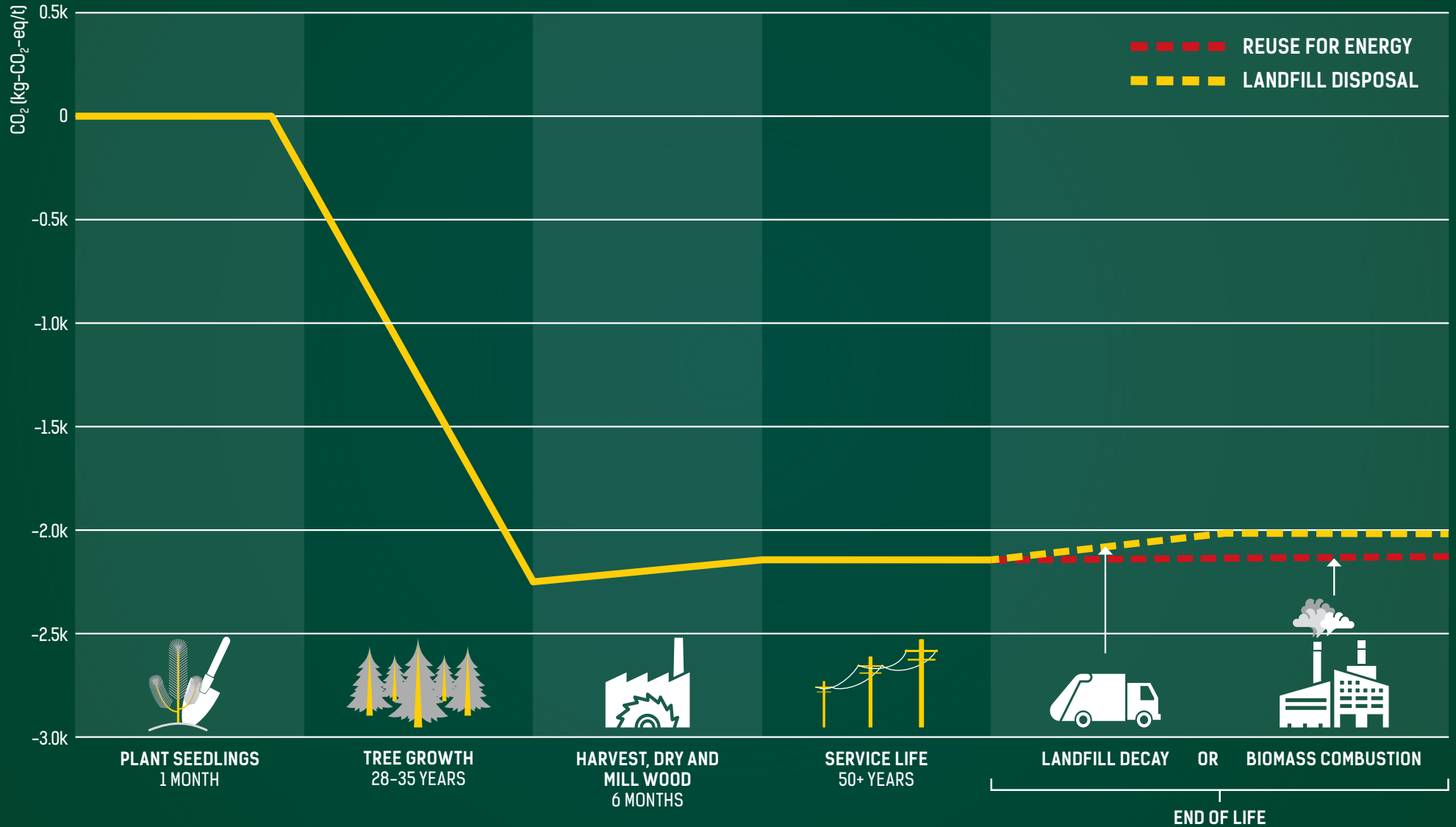
LARGEST EXPORT





CARBON

TOTAL (BIOGENIC AND FOSSIL) GREEN HOUSE GAS BALANCE FOR PRESERVED WOOD

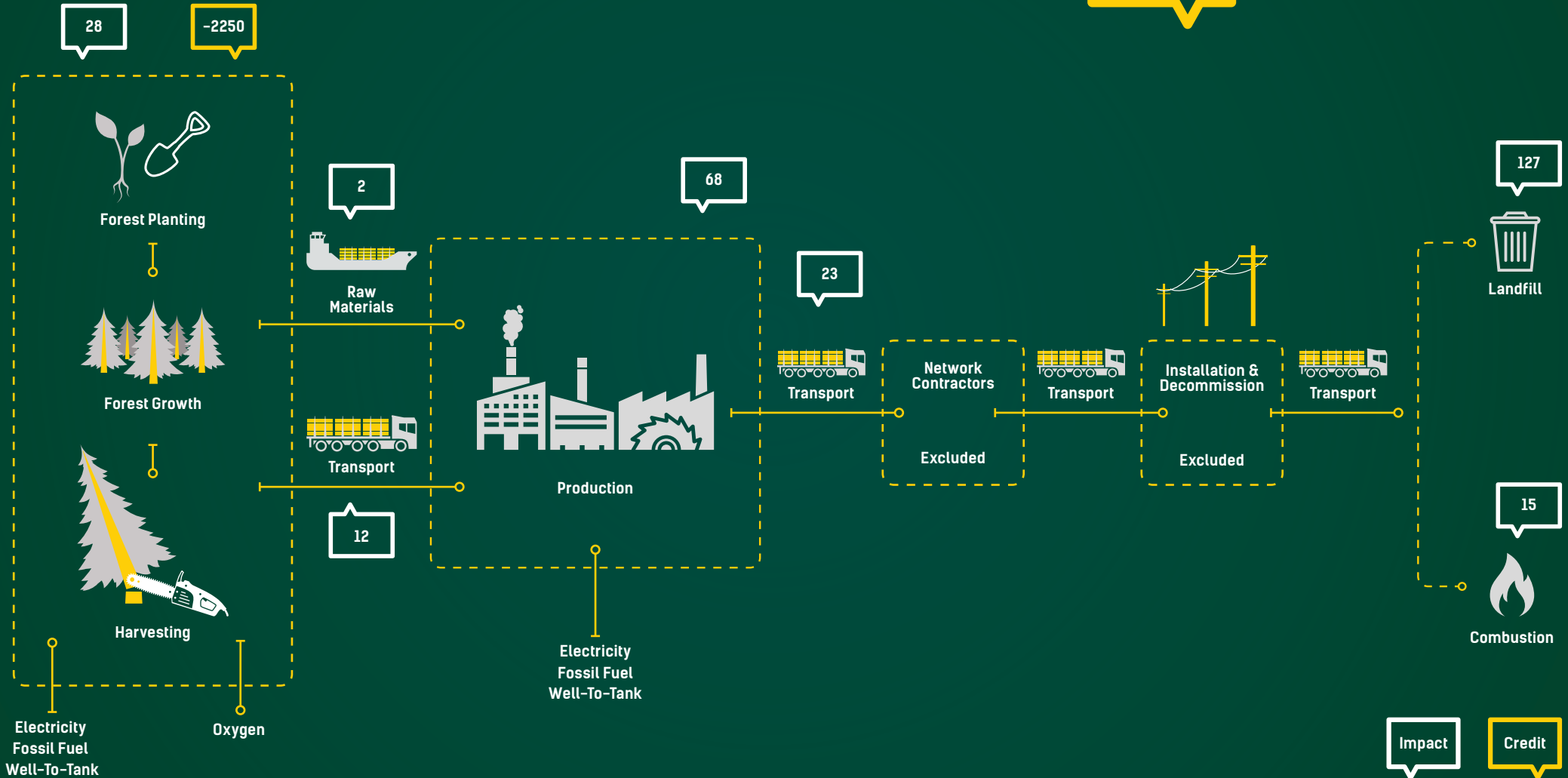


WOOD POLE EMISSIONS

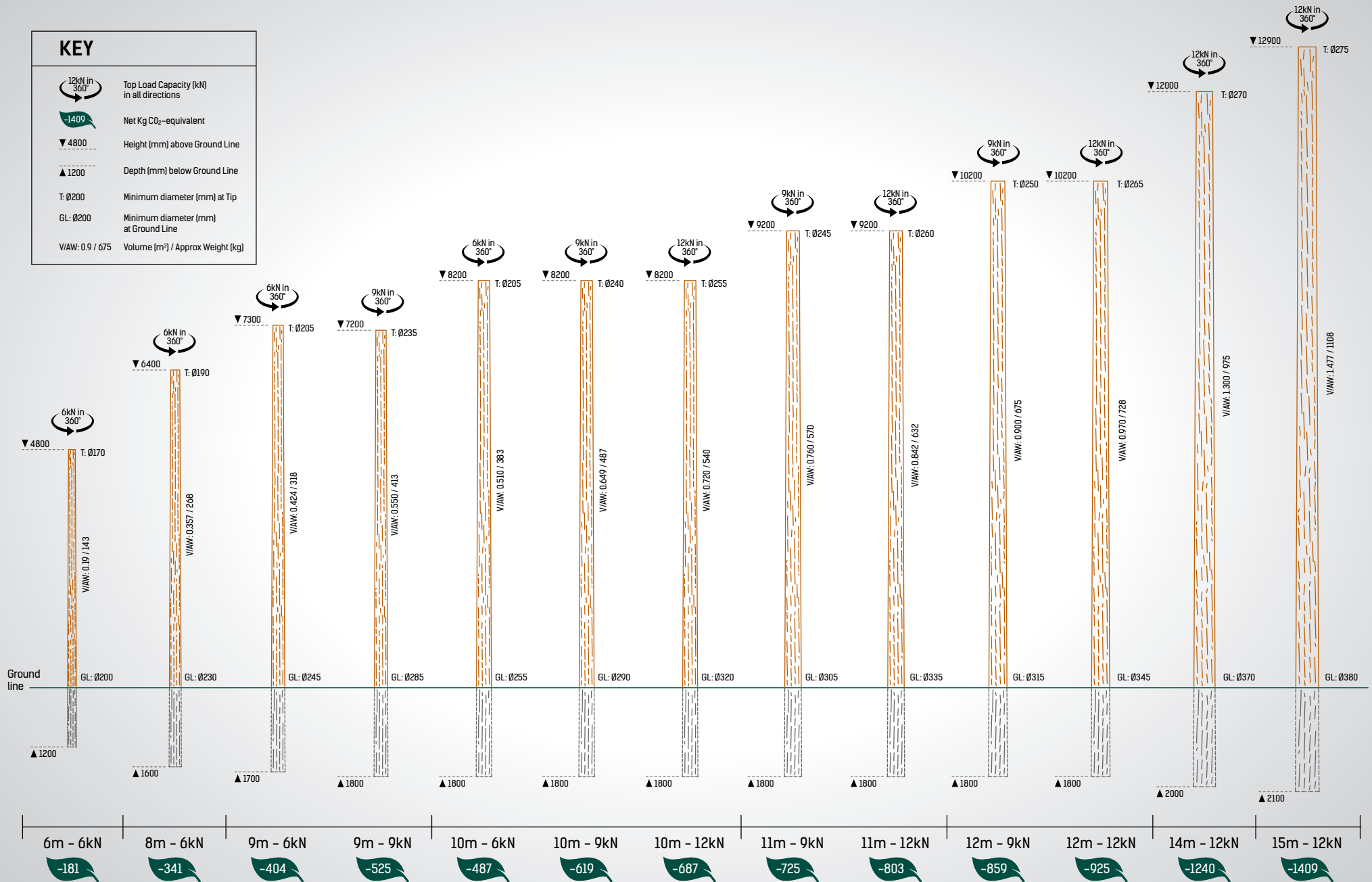
Emissions for wooden pole production expressed as kg CO₂- eq/t

-1975

Net kg CO₂- eq/t
* EOL landfill

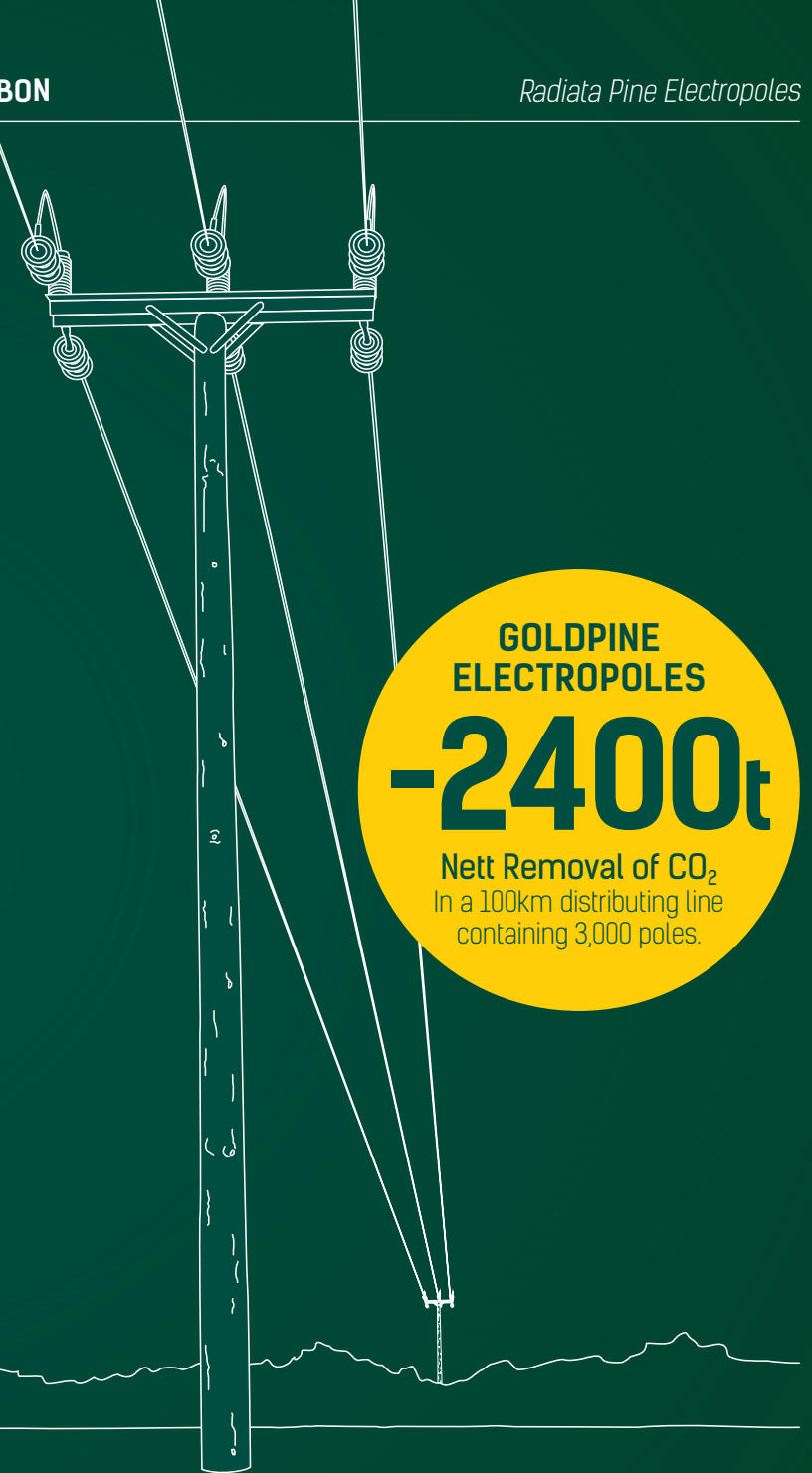


KEY	
	Top Load Capacity (kN) in all directions
	Net Kg CO ₂ -equivalent
▼ 4800	Height (mm) above Ground Line
▲ 1200	Depth (mm) below Ground Line
T: Ø200	Minimum diameter (mm) at Tip
GL: Ø200	Minimum diameter (mm) at Ground Line
V/AW: 0.9 / 675	Volume (m ³) / Approx Weight (kg)



CALCULATING EMBODIED CARBON

- Material supply
- Transport
- Manufacture
- End of life



**GOLDPINE
ELECTROPOLES**

-2400t

Nett Removal of CO₂
In a 100km distributing line
containing 3,000 poles.

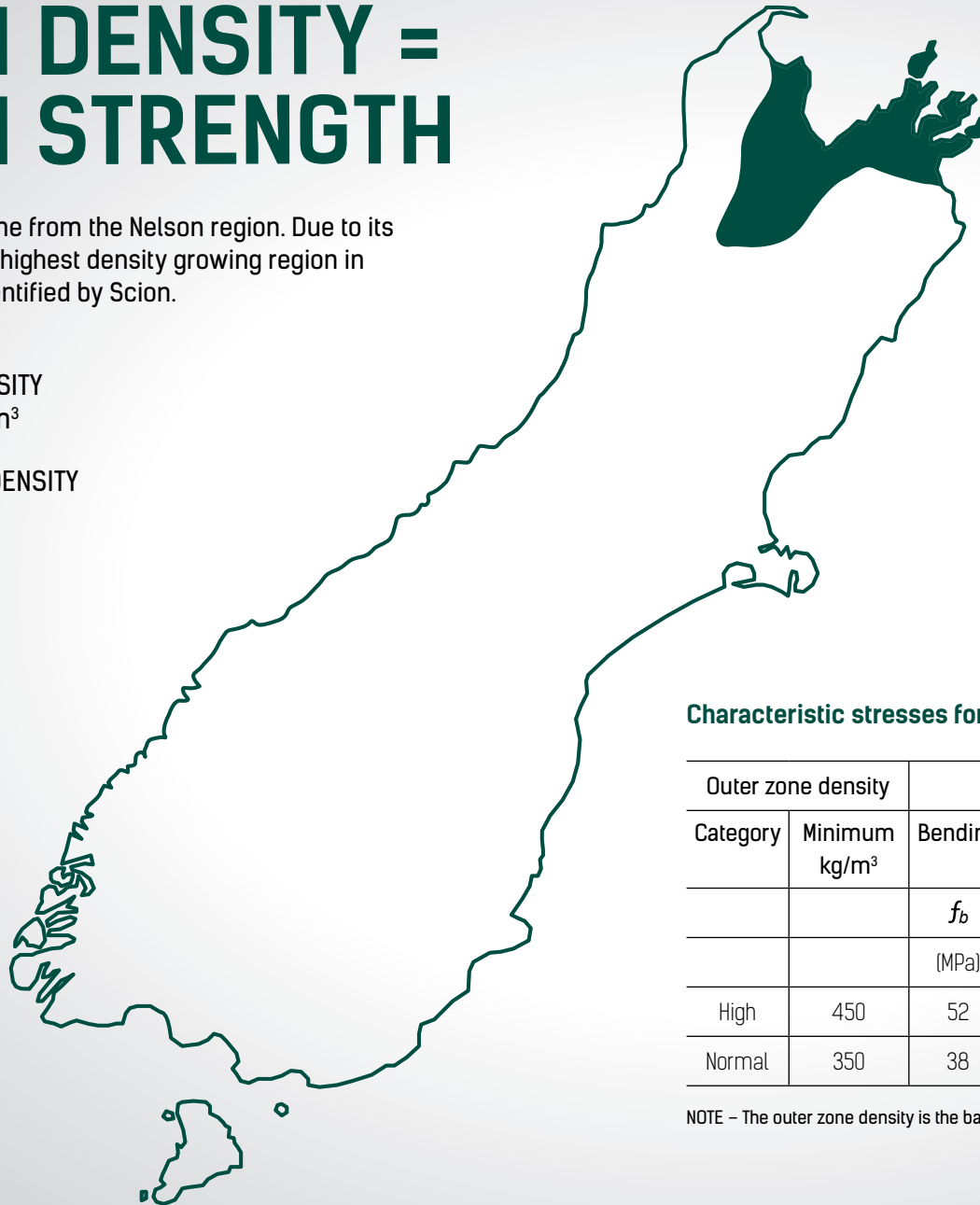


WOOD PROPERTIES FOR STRENGTH

HIGH DENSITY = HIGH STRENGTH

All our trees come from the Nelson region. Due to its climate, it is the highest density growing region in New Zealand identified by Scion.

- HIGH DENSITY
> 450kg/m³
- NORMAL DENSITY
350kg/m³

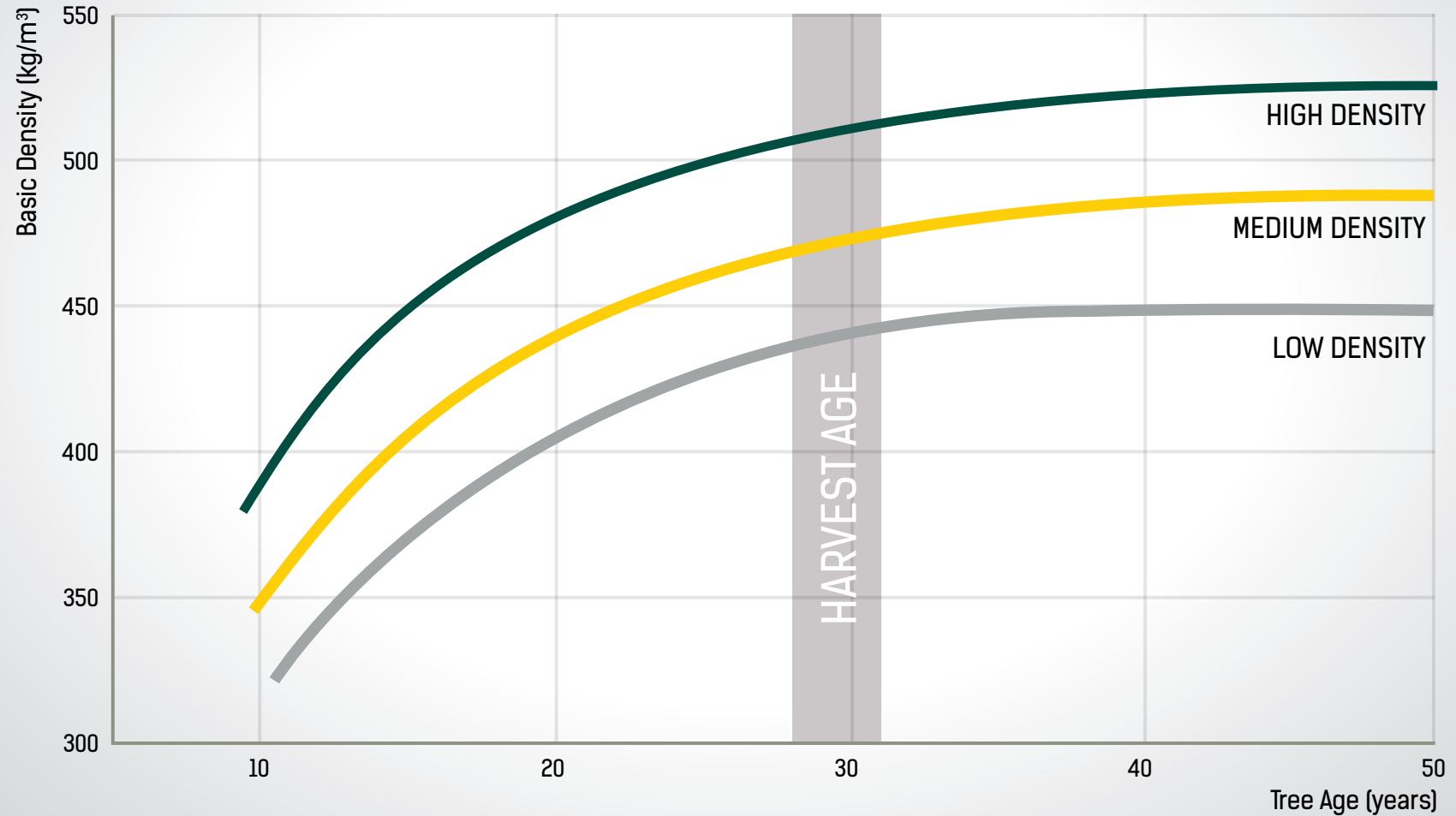


Characteristic stresses for naturally round softwood timbers in the green condition:

Outer zone density		Property					
Category	Minimum kg/m ³	Bending	Tension	Compression parallel	Shear	Compression perpendicular	Modulus of elasticity
		f_b	f_t	f_c	f_s	f_p	E
		(MPa)	(MPa)	(MPa)	(MPa)	(MPa)	(GPa)
High	450	52	31	25	3.5	9.0	12.1
Normal	350	38	23	21	3.1	8.8	8.7

NOTE - The outer zone density is the basic density (oven dry weight/volume in green condition) in the outer 20% of the radius.

WOOD DENSITY TRENDS BY AGE AND DENSITY ZONE



Forest Research Bulletin 216: NZ pine and Douglas-fir; Suitability for Processing (1999)

BREEDING TRIALS AND BREEDING VALUES

Each tree in a breeding trial has a unique genetic identity and code name. The physical characteristics of each tree that are being genetically improved are measured and data is used to estimate Breeding Values (EBVs), which are used to rank selections against one another. RPBC uses improved field trial designs to reduce the time taken to select, test and confirm superior trees and get them into commercial seed orchards.



TIMELINE



1950 – 1970

Early breeding improvements for growth and form



1970 – 1980

High Density breeding traits identified



1988

Establishment of formal breeding population



1995

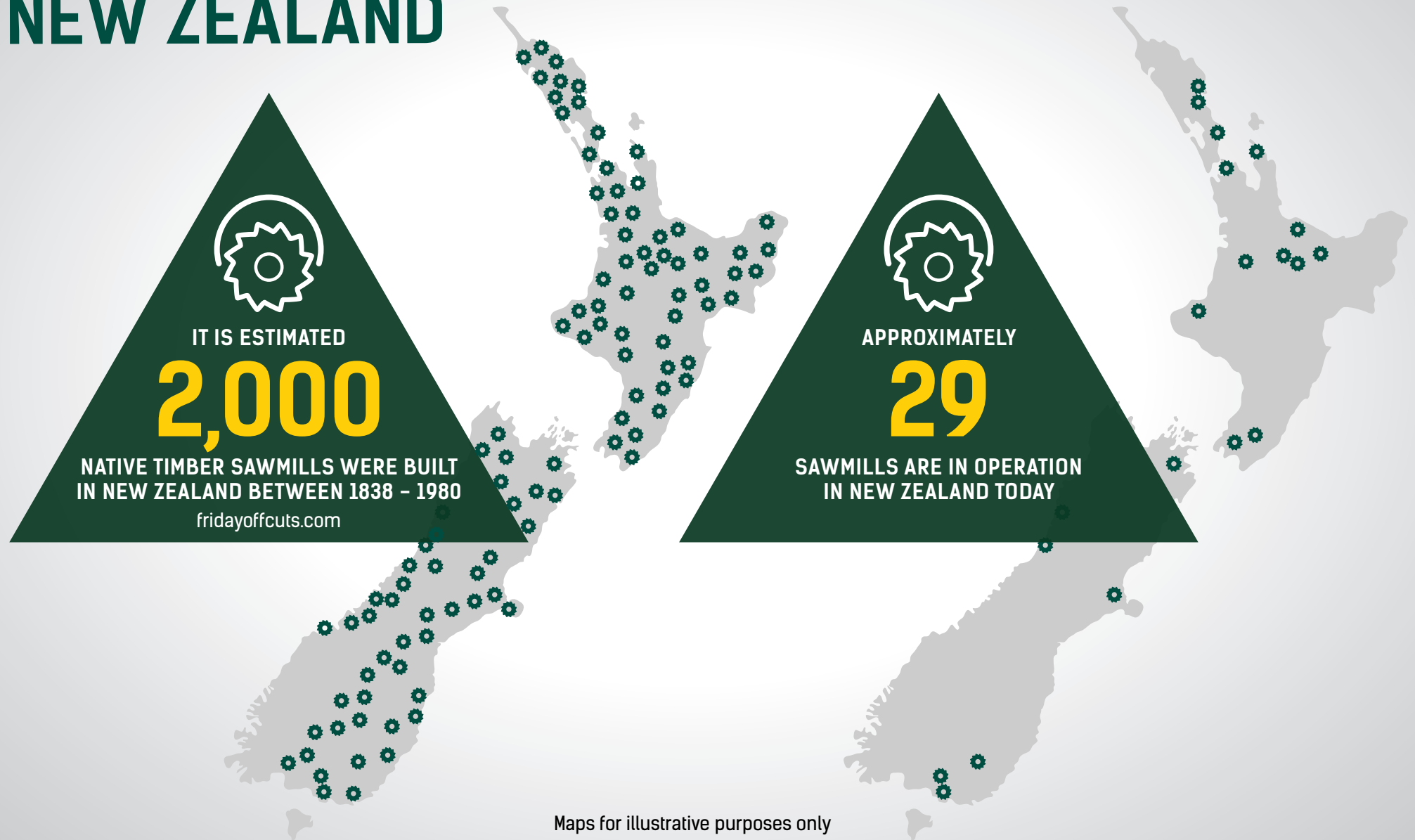
High Density breeds planted



2022

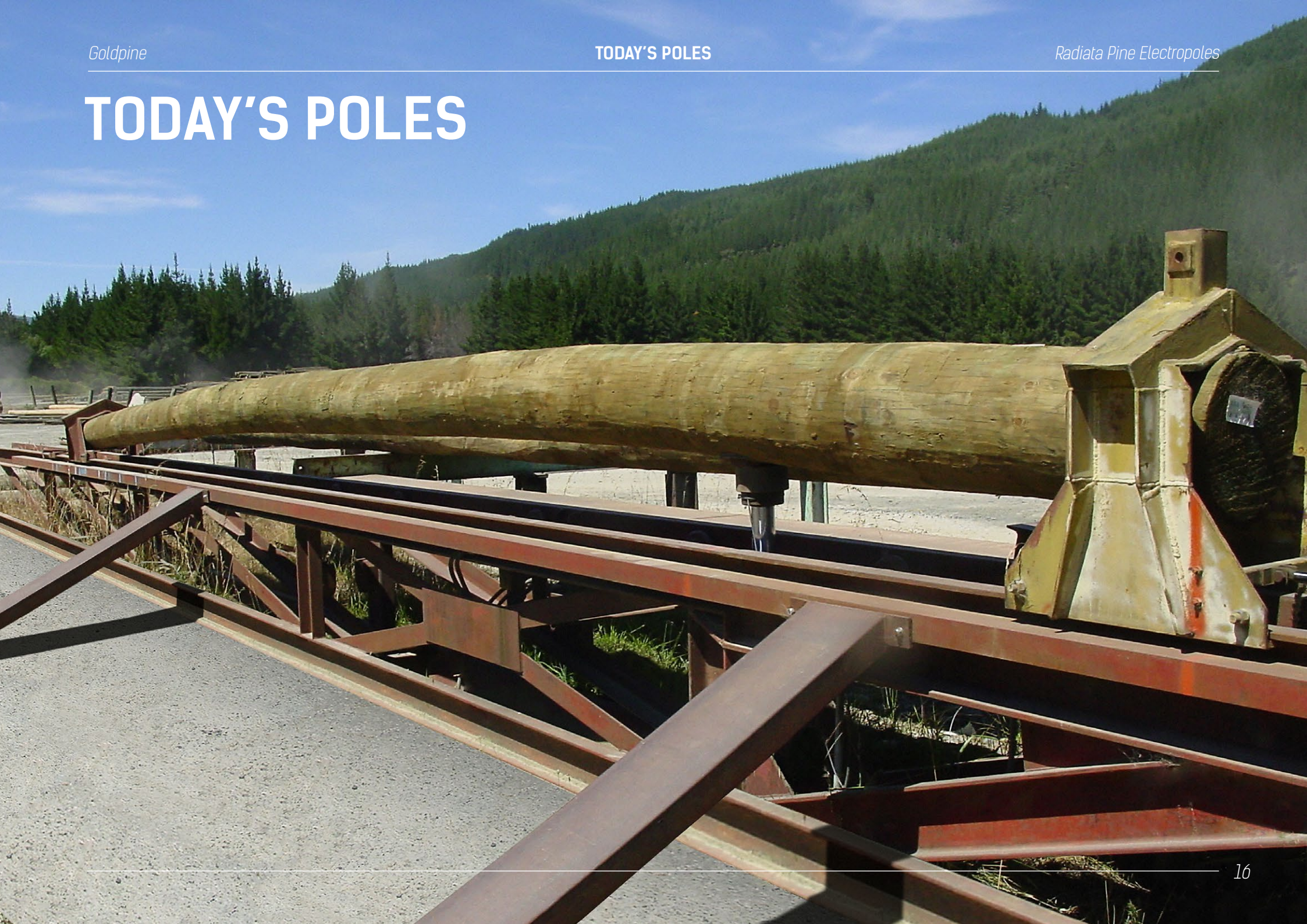
Reaching harvest age

TIMBER MILLS IN NEW ZEALAND



Maps for illustrative purposes only

TODAY'S POLES



WOOD PRESERVATION PROCESS

Steam is pumped into the cylinder which opens up the wood cells, removing saps and resins to make room for the treatment preservative.



STEP 1: STEAM

WOOD PRESERVATION PROCESS

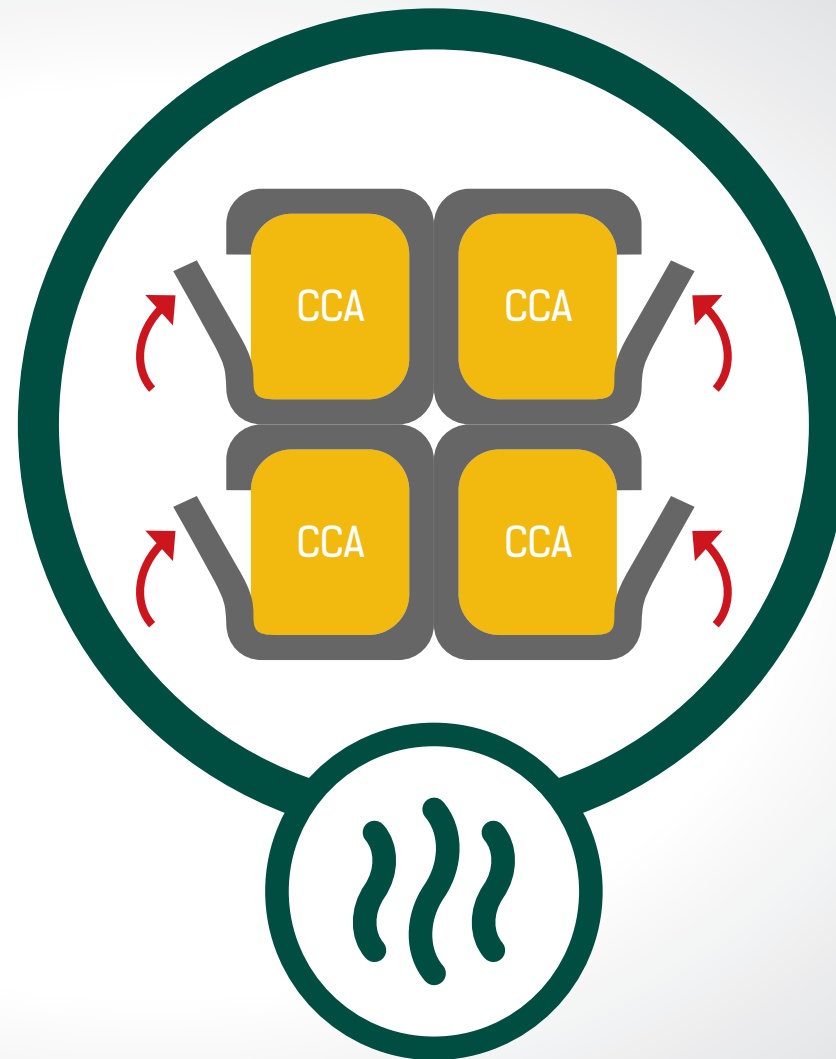
Wood preservative is pumped into the cylinder and put under pressure, forcing the wood preservative into the wood cells.



STEP 2: TREAT

WOOD PRESERVATION PROCESS

Heat is applied to the wood which ensures the fixation reaction properly occurs.



STEP 3: HEAT FIX

GOLDPINE ELECTROPOLE

As in Goldpine Calculations (using 0.6m from pole top)
Electropele Class B & A - Calculated Top Load (Ultimate)

Pole :Length (m)	8	9	9.5	10	11	12	Class	Ultimate
GL to Butt (m)	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	Load	Limit
Class B: 9kN GL Diam (mm)	275	285	290	290	305	315		
Calc. Top Load (kN)	10.7	10.3	10.2	9.5	9.8	9.7	9kN	9kN
Class A: 12kN GL Diam (mm)			315	320	335	345		
Calc. Top Load (kN)			13.1	12.8	13.0	12.7	12kN	12kN

*** Note - Calculated values without k_d , or $k_d = 1.0$*

Timber Properties (bending, AS/NZS 7000)

- Ø = 0.95
- k1 = 1.00 duration of loading (wind)
- k2 = 1.00 moisture content
- k8 = 1.00 stability S - use 1.0
- k21 = 0.75 shaving
- k22 = 0.85 steaming
- k20 = 1.00
- f'b = 50 MPa (S4)
- Z = 0.0982d³

$\phi M = \phi k_1 k_2 k_8 k_{20} k_{21} k_{22} [f_b Z]$

Calc. Top Load

NZS 3603 (1993) f'b = 52 Mpa

As in Goldpine Calculations (but using 0.1m from pole top)
Electropele Class B & A - Calculated Top Load (Ultimate)

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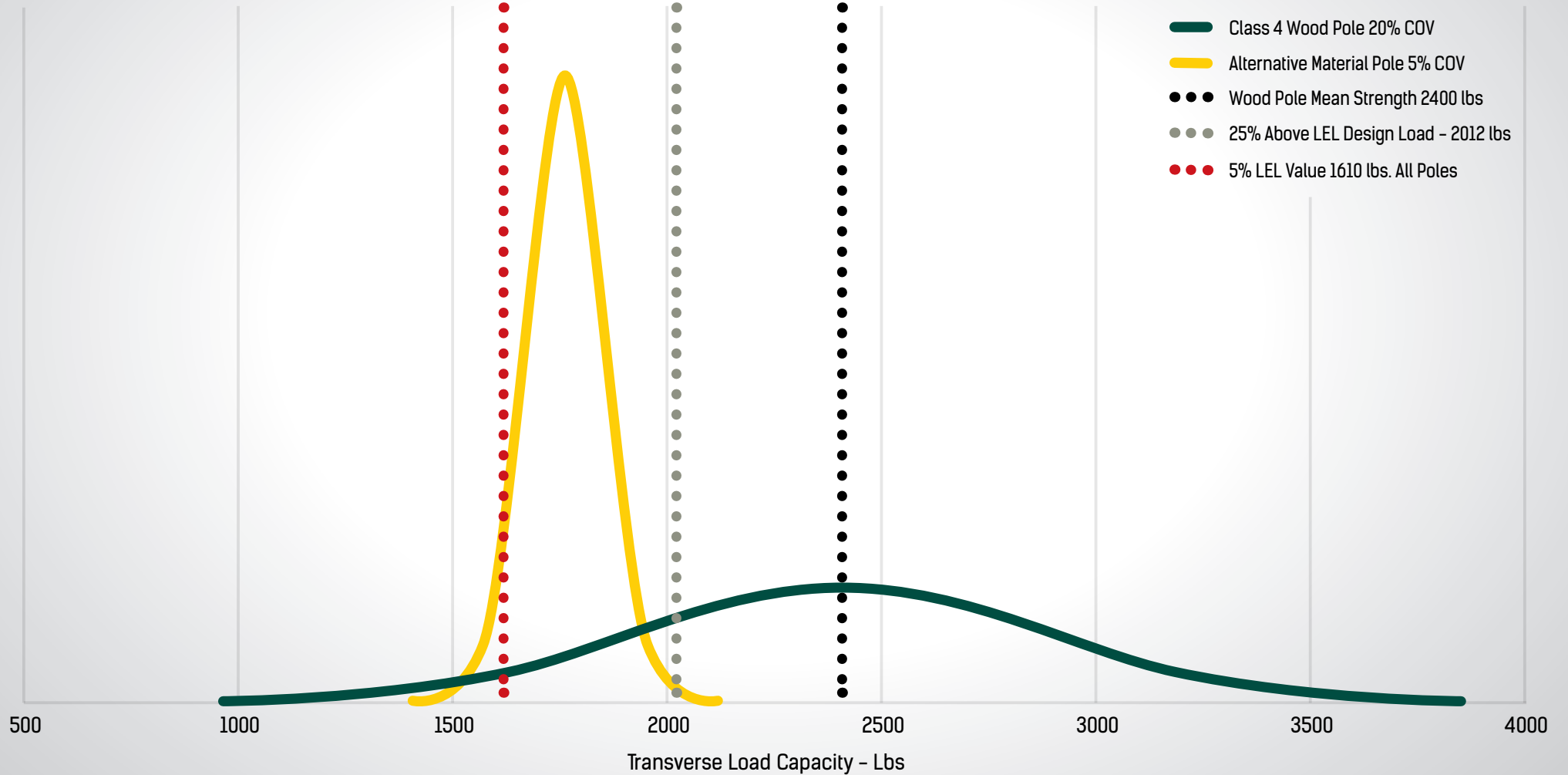


SOFTWOOD POLES IN LINE DESIGN

TONY RAPER

TECHNICAL PRINCIPAL - OVERHEAD LINES DESIGN WSP

COMPARISON OF CLASS 4 WOOD POLE WITH A 20% COV TO ALTERNATIVE MATERIAL POLES WITH A 5% COV



Source: North American Wood Pole Council (NAWPC)



THANK YOU



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