



**W**hat future Buller Forests? Buller sawmill contracts expire on July 31, although loggers want the contracts extended. The Government's reserves scientific advisory committee has just supported reserves for the Oparara and Ngakawau basins, Karamea Bluff and Little Wanganui Valley.

Conservationists have campaigned for 10 years for a Paparoa National Park, which has broad community and Government support.

Decisions on all these areas are imminent. Besides the creation of the reserves and the park, there must be a major reduction in logging to an unsubsidised sustained yield level. An exciting future awaits the Buller if the region's booming tourism industry is supported. The Oparara River *Photo: Graeme Loh. Inset: Buller Conservation Group visits logging site in the Awakiri River, Northern Paparoas. Photo: G. McSweeney.*