



WHAT MAKES GOOD FOREST POLICY?

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Issues Into Forest Policy

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Considerations when developing forest policy

- Forests are multifunctional

Policies that support healthy and more forests will be more effective than single issue policies

- Many forest benefits are received by others in society, not the owner

Encouragement to maintain healthy forests and invest in new forests is likely to achieve more than penalties for not doing this



Considerations when developing forest policy (ctd)

- Forests are long lived
Significant shifts in forest policy between establishment and maturity can significantly affect the economics of the investment
- Politicians and others easily seduced by apparently higher returns from forest land if used for another purpose
Need constant vigilance, education and comprehensive accounting for all the costs and externalities

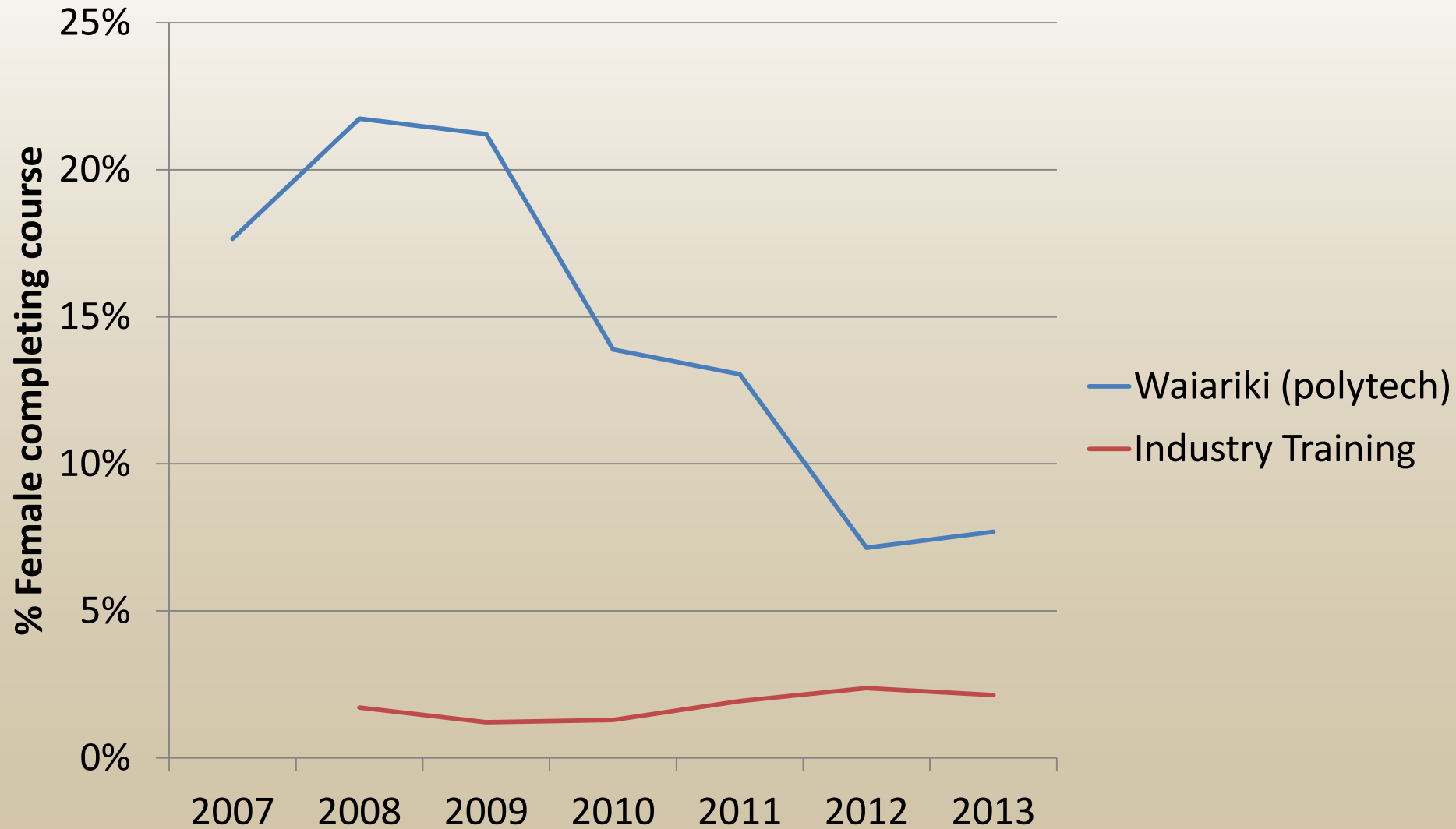


Forest Policy Requirements

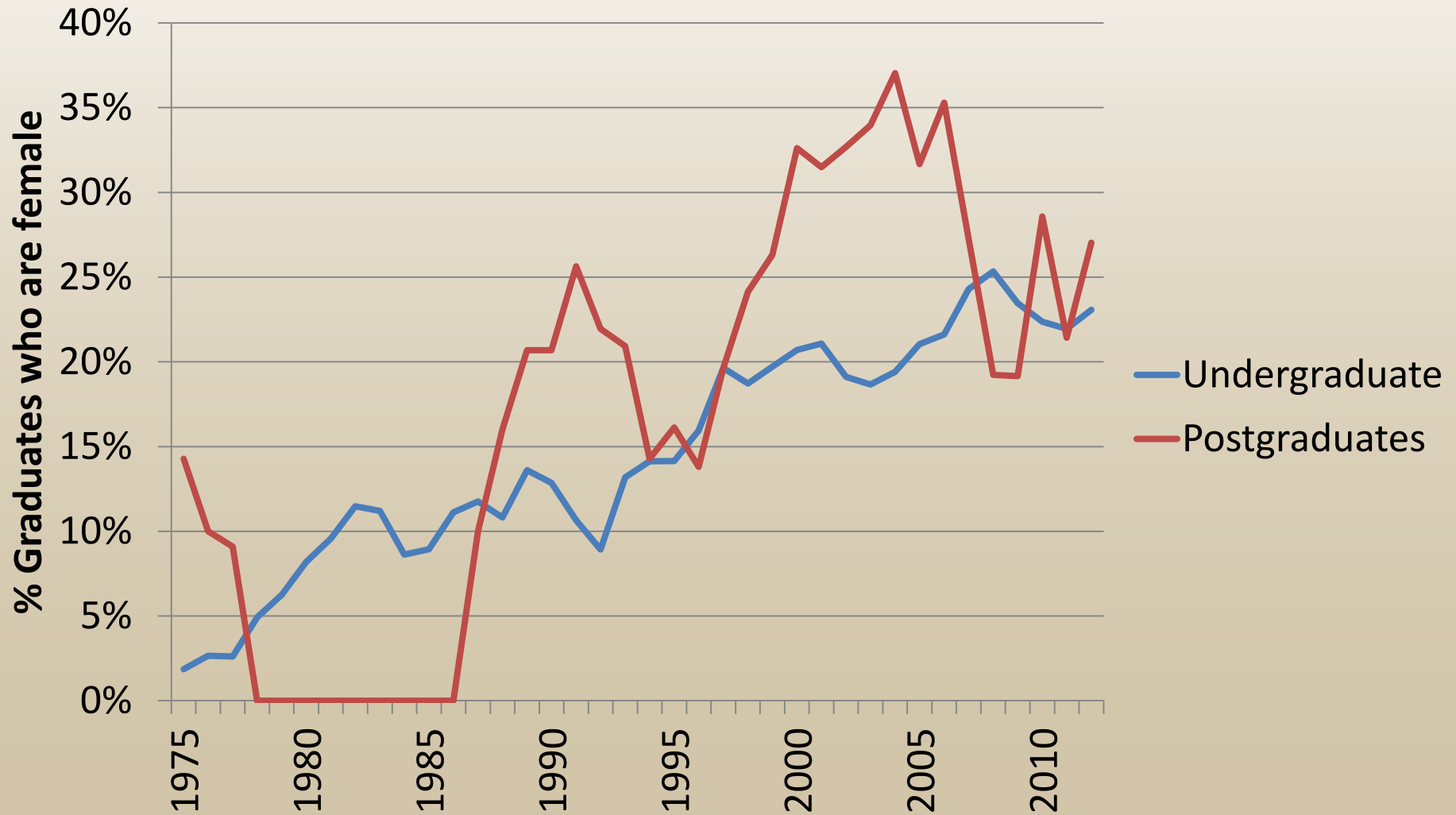
- Objectives
- Effective
- Simple
- Equitable
- Relevance
- Scientifically based
- Comprehensive and cohesive
- Forward looking and sustainable



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