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Dennis has worked in the New Zealand and global forestry, forest products and wood trade industries for more than 50 years.

He first visited china in 1984 and then, as a marketing executive of then New Zealand forest products company Fletcher Challenge, Dennis organised the first shipment of Radiata pine logs from NZ to China in 1985, and has visited ports and sawmills exporting logs and lumber to China — in New Zealand, Australia, Canada USPNW, US South, Russia, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.

He travelled to China more than 50 times.

With Gavin Hao, Dennis has jointly organized several industry tours of Chinese forests, inland and sea ports and wood processing facilities in several provinces of Central, North, North Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western China.

Dennis has been co-author of 28 annual editions of the Global Woodchip and biomass trade Review, authored *'The Chinese Softwood Sawmilling & Veneer/Plywood Sector'* (2014), was the lead author of RISI's *'Russian Timber: A Growing Force in World Trade'* (2019) and has co-authored Reviews on the forest industry sectors of New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia and Indonesia.