



## Factsheets for Estimates 2019/2020

# Productive and sustainable land package

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## Purpose of the package

The productive and sustainable land package is intended to help to tackle the top environment priorities facing New Zealanders, while supporting the primary sector to smoothly and fairly transition to a productive, sustainable, low emissions economy.

## Main elements of the package

The budget package invests \$229 million over four years between spending on the environment and agriculture in three focus areas. Those areas are directed to delivering outcomes relating to:

- improving the health of our freshwater, through on the ground support for farmers and growers to change practices and system reforms, as well as investing in projects to protect and restore waterways and wetlands
- mitigating and adapting to climate change
- reducing waste to landfill.

## The funding is broken down into three focus areas to achieve results

- **Establishing the framework for a sustainable and low-emissions economy** ( \$83 m) – providing certainty about the regulatory framework; establishing institutions and systems to reduce climate emissions, improve freshwater health, and reduce waste; and reforming the resource management system.
- **Practical on the ground advice and support (\$86 m)** – supporting farmers and growers, iwi/hapū, communities and councils to take action to reduce their environmental impact and restore waterways; and supporting exporters to meet market requirements and demonstrate their sustainability to customers.

The funding is intended to build capability and tools to support landowners, councils, iwi/hapū and regions to transition to more sustainable land use and a low-emissions economy.

New funding is across both the Environment and Agriculture portfolios (Environment \$107 m over 4 years, Agriculture \$122 m over four years).

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