



Help for hill country farmers



"Ten to 15 years from now you might not have soil to plant on. You see it more and more, big areas just letting go and it all ends up in the waterways.

It turns out the least productive land costs the most to maintain. I'm spending a quarter of what I used to on weed control and helicopter spraying.

I often tell my neighbours about the funding they can access through the Council's farm plans. It's a no-brainer really."

Ben Murphy's beef and sheep farm sits on 532ha of steep hill country in Waverley. Five years, 58.4ha of planting and close to \$100,000 of Government funding later, Ben is well ahead of upcoming regulations.



"It just makes sense. Use the Council's expertise, identify what areas are prone to erosion and get the funding. We've been able to revert steep, unproductive land and give our stock some shelter and shade – at minimal cost. Better to work with the Council, and get ahead of regulation."

Josh Kendall and his wife Amber own a 500ha beef and sheep farm in Tututawa. In the last four years they have received \$14,000 for 7ha of manuka reversion, \$11,500 for wetland fencing and have planted approximately 150 poles at minimal cost.



Get erosion support funding

Taranaki Regional Council has erosion support funding available for hill country farmers. To apply for funding, get in touch with our Land Management team.

What can I use the funding for?

- ✓ Native forestry establishment
- ✓ Reverting land
- ✓ Exotic forestry establishment
- ✓ Fencing for land use change
- ✓ Soil conservation planting
- ✓ On-farm pole nursery start-up
- ✓ Riparian planting

Contact us today to get started

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