

Market-Based Mechanisms for Sustainable Land Management

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Sustainable Land Management Challenges



Climate resilience Biodiversity conservation Water quality enhancement

Scale of the Problem



OECD

Climate compatible UN Sustainable Development Goals will cost ~US\$7 trillion annually. PWC

Fund management sector will manage ~US\$145 trillion annually by 2025

We need 1 million ha of new afforestation for climate change mitigation

We also need 1 million ha of new permanent forest for climate change resilience



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Cost of Cyclone Gabrielle ~ \$4 billion
 Cost to build climate resilient lands:
 ~\$15 billion across 15 years
 ~\$1 billion annually to 2038

Taxpayer & Philanthropic Funding?



Compliance Market

Voluntary Market

NZETS

Various International Standards

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What About Carbon Financing?



NPV Analysis

1 Million ha of Native Reforestation



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Benefits to the Nation?

No Subsidy

None, because it does not get access to capital and does not happen With subsidy of \$750 m p.a.
 It happens but with inflationary pressure and requires paying nurses less



1 Million ha of Exotic Reforestation CCF Transition to Natives







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Benefits to the Nation?

Climate change mitigation
 Climate resilience
 Biodiversity conservation
 Zero cost to the Taxpayer

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We need to unlock a firehose of private sector money to build a climate resilient nation



Huge potential for private investment to do the heavy lifting Government needs to work in partnership with the private sector

1 Million ha of Native Reforestation



Biodiversity credits are a way of attracting funding from the private sector, to invest in efforts by landholders to protect, maintain and enhance indigenous vegetation and habitats...

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Exploring a biodiversity credit system for Aotearoa New Zealand Discussion document





Trust in Market Mechanisms for Nature Based Solutions

Key ingredients:

- Standards
- Methodologies
- Validation & verification protocols
- Unit issuance registry
- Unit pricing integrity
- Secondary market controls

Demand & Supply



No Buyers Scale of supply is dependent No Business on scale of demand

Demand is undeveloped and untested in Aotearoa This sector needs market development







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Project Validation

Project Verification

Inventory

⇐ SDU Transaction

- Account Information
- Settings





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Sustainable Development Units Programme







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