

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Native Plant Nursery

Through setting up a native plant nursery and establishing 50,000 native plant seedlings in the Upper Waikato River, this project will generate economic returns and improve environmental outcomes.

Challenge

The Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (TARIT) owns large areas of Māori land within the Upper Waikato River Catchment. There are a number of regulatory changes due to come into effect within the next 5 years which require greater protection of waterways.

Solution

Through this project, TARIT will establish a native plant nursery along the Waikato River catchment which will create commercially viable crops. The plantings will improve water quality, increase skills, experience, and understanding of native plant production, provide employment opportunities, and generate increased economic returns.

Key Facts

MPI's involvement: March 2015

MPI funding: \$40,000 contribution from MPI and \$60,000 contribution from TARIT

Partners: Te Arawa River Iwi Trust; Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa; Tuhourangi-Wahiao; Ngati Kearoa-Ngati Tuara; Tuaropaki Maori Land Trust; Rotorua District Council