



# 2017 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY FUND

## Advisory Services

### CASE STUDY

Chris is a third generation farmer who owns a sheep and beef operation running 5000 stock units in the back hills of Kaikoura.

In the November 2016 earthquakes 10 percent of his hill country pasture suffered deep fissures, destabilisation of land, land shifts and waterway/run off shifts.

His initial priority was to maintain livestock in the remaining productive areas and secure water supply for the coming summer months.

Since the earthquakes, soil erosion has been occurring meaning he's had to reduce livestock numbers to ensure adequate pasture/water supplies.

Chris is now looking at how to get that 10 percent of land productive again with a long term view of that area being seismic resilient. He needs to do that in a cost effective way that is technologically sound and uses proven methods.

To help people like Chris, MPI is funding advisory services designed specifically for land owners and land managers who are looking at options for their farms as they recover from the earthquake.

MPI has approved a range of experienced professional farm advisers to support and advise affected land owners on real solutions to deal with the new challenges some are facing as a result of the earthquake.

Using this fund, Chris can access up to \$5000 +GST in professional advice on issues such as:

- land management and sustainable management techniques;
- analysis and mitigation of risks to the farming business;
- modelling farm change scenarios;
- alternate land use options.

Getting access to the fund and necessary technical advice is a simple 5 step process:

1. Find a MPI approved adviser (provider) published on the MPI website.
2. Phone your selected adviser to discuss your business/land issues and to scope work required.
3. Complete a simple MPI form supplied by the adviser.
4. Agreeing to costs – the adviser will supply you with either a quote for the scope of work or an estimate for costs of the work. The quote/estimate, once agreed by you, will go with the form to MPI for approval.

5. Work begins – once approved by MPI you have secured work up to \$5,000 worth of advisory funding and work can commence.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** *How long will the application process take?*

From step 4 to confirmation of a \$5k funding grant – 3 working days.

**Q:** *When will this funding opportunity end?*

We've taken into account that land owners/managers have been stretched to maintain 'business-as-usual' on the farm since these events.

Therefore \$500,000 is available until June 30 2018; that's 100 land owners or land managers receiving \$5,000 of advice which can translate into unlimited value.

An additional \$500,000 will become available from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 – this is MPI taking the long term view of providing assistance to promote seismic resilience and increasing productivity.

**Q:** *What is the scope/extent of this professional advice?*

Scope of the professional advice available includes land management and sustainable management techniques. A full list is found at [www.mpi.govt.nz/Kaikoura-earthquake](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/Kaikoura-earthquake).

**Q:** *Who can I talk to to discuss if the issue I have identified qualifies?*

You can call one of the approved advisers [Choose an approved supplier](#) OR contact MPI direct on 0800 00 83 33 *Earthquake Recovery Fund* to discuss the type of work you think is needed – it's that simple.

**Q:** *What if I have a specific issue I want to deal with but think the damage and rectification advice required is going to be a lot more than \$5000. What do I do then?*

Contact your adviser or an MPI approved adviser to discuss scoping work for an Earthquake Recovery Plan (ERP). An ERP will identify the land issues, scope out potential solutions and make recommendations about the plan forward.

**Q:** *If our farm adviser is currently not a MPI approved adviser (provider) what is the next step?*

Suggest to your adviser they either visit [www.mpi.govt.nz/advisory-services](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/advisory-services) for all the necessary application information or email direct to [funding@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:funding@mpi.govt.nz).