



# Hill Country Erosion Fund

## Regional Councils



MPI's Hill Country Erosion Fund



## Landowners



## In Partnership

Treating erodible land – planting the right trees in the right place for the right purpose

The Hill Country Erosion (HCE) Fund has helped to protect vulnerable hill country in our most erosion prone regions through implementing sustainable land management practices.

The loss of productive land has a significant impact on the environment and the sustainability of our land. It's estimated that the annual cost associated with hill country erosion is \$100-150 million through lost soil, nutrients and production, damage to trees, houses, infrastructure, and waterways.

The HCE Fund is a partnership between erosion-prone land owners, MPI and regional councils. Regional councils can apply for up to four years of funding at each funding round. For the 2018 round (July 2019-June 2023) \$34 million is available.

The HCE Fund has expanded in scope to also include mitigating erosion prone land in coastal and alpine/high country areas as well as hill country. The HCE Fund takes a total catchment approach involving landowners and community members to identify issues and creating solutions within their own catchments. Regional Councils and landowners will work together to identify the most suitable land use for their erosion prone land then develop and implement appropriate treatment plans.

The Hill Country Erosion Fund contributes to the Government's One Billion Tree Programme.

## Hill Country Erosion Fund treats:

### Coastal erosion



### Hill Country erosion



### Alpine/high country erosion



### Case study

Read about the **Horizons Regional Council and its Hill Country Erosion Fund**

### Application form and guidance

visit: [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)

For alpine and coastal erosion-prone land HCE will support proposals where the key treatment will be tree planting, including appropriate species for natural vegetative cover.

## Funding Rounds 2018 The Fund:

### The Fund

- The Hill Country Erosion Fund 4-yearly round is open for applications from 9am 1 October 2018 to 5pm 26 October 2018
- Funds available in this round are: \$34 million
- Funding is for the period July 2019 – June 2023

- HCE Fund provides funding to protect an estimated 1.14 million hectares of pastoral hill country nationwide classified as erosion prone.
- From 2015-2019 \$8.8m in funding was awarded to six HCE regional councils – Manawatu/Whanganui (Horizons), South Taranaki, Wellington, Hawkes Bay, Northland and Waikato.
- Regional councils and landowners will contribute \$35.7m toward a total budget of \$44.5m of HCE funding through to 2019.
- Approximately 6.4 million trees will be planted over 2015-2019.
- A one-off opportunity to access funds for projects planned out from July 2018 to June 2019 was made available in June of this year. \$1.7m was awarded to five regional council partners (Northland, Horizons, Wellington, Nelson and Marlborough).

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