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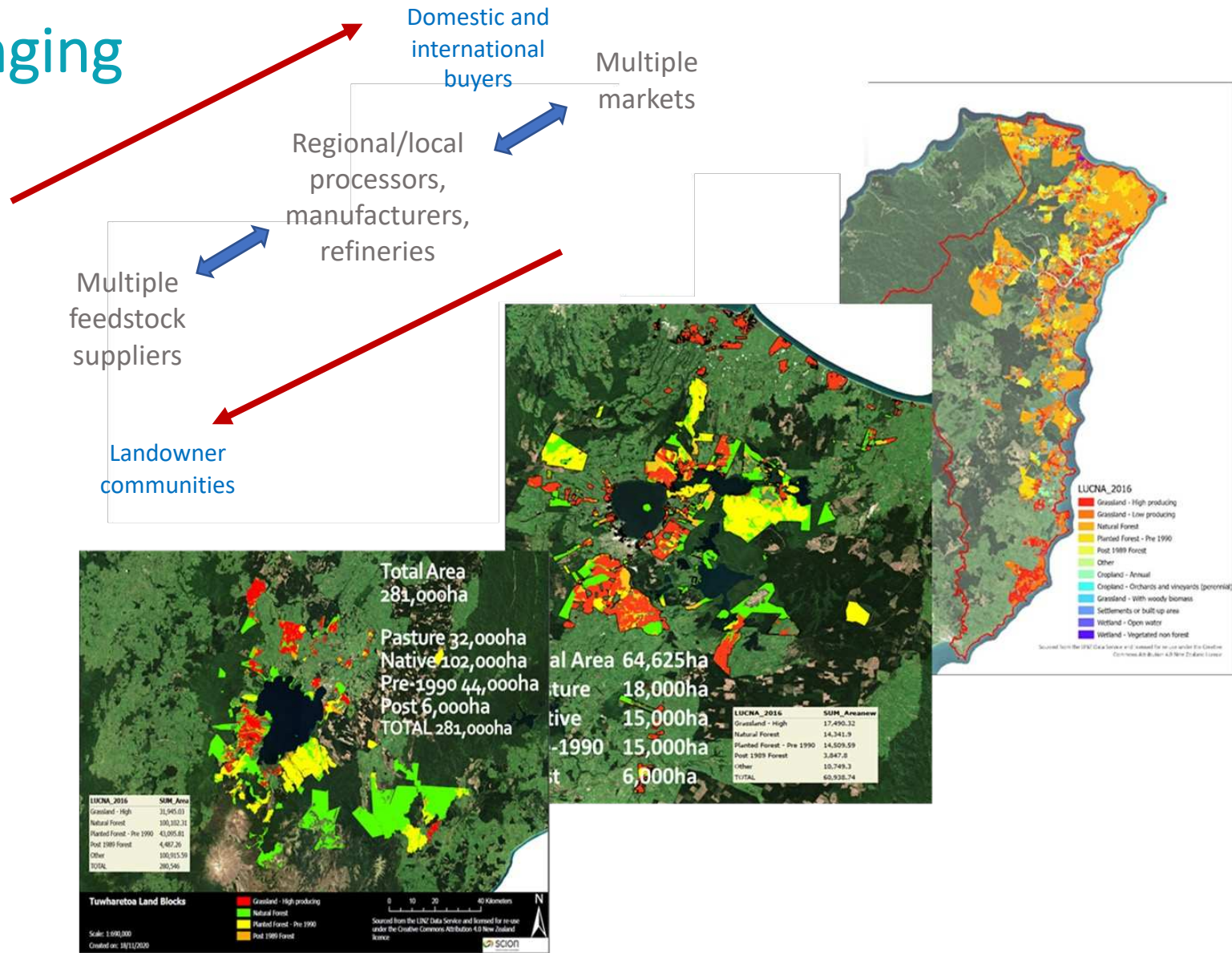
## Collective approaches to land use change and reduced emission systems

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- Decision support framework
  - 18 farms across 2 collectives and 1 partnership
  - Stage 4 of a programme that started in 2014
1. How do we move from modelling single farms to **collectives of farms** (i.e. how do we scale up?)
  2. What can farmers do to **position** themselves to diversify to meet regulations and more demanding market requirements?

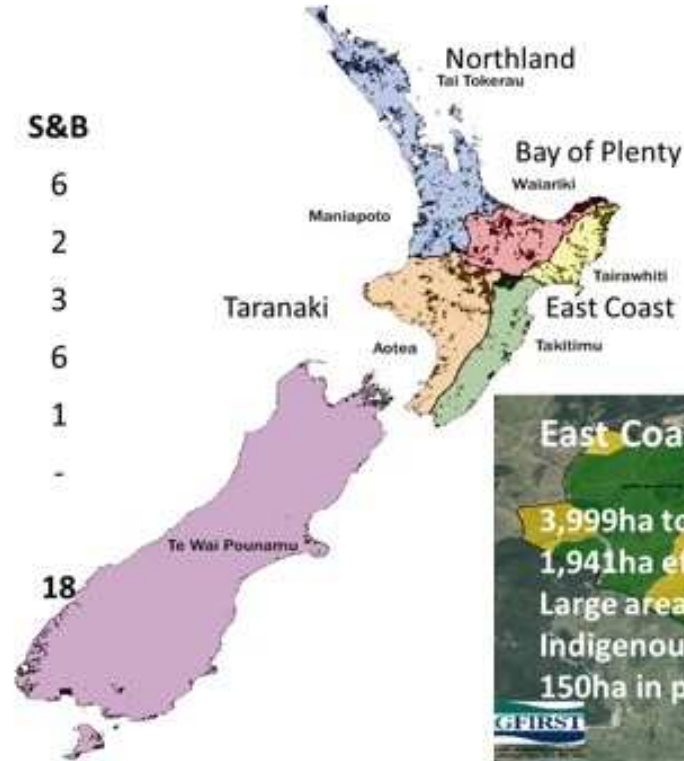


# Stage 1 (2014-2017): Network & Case Farms

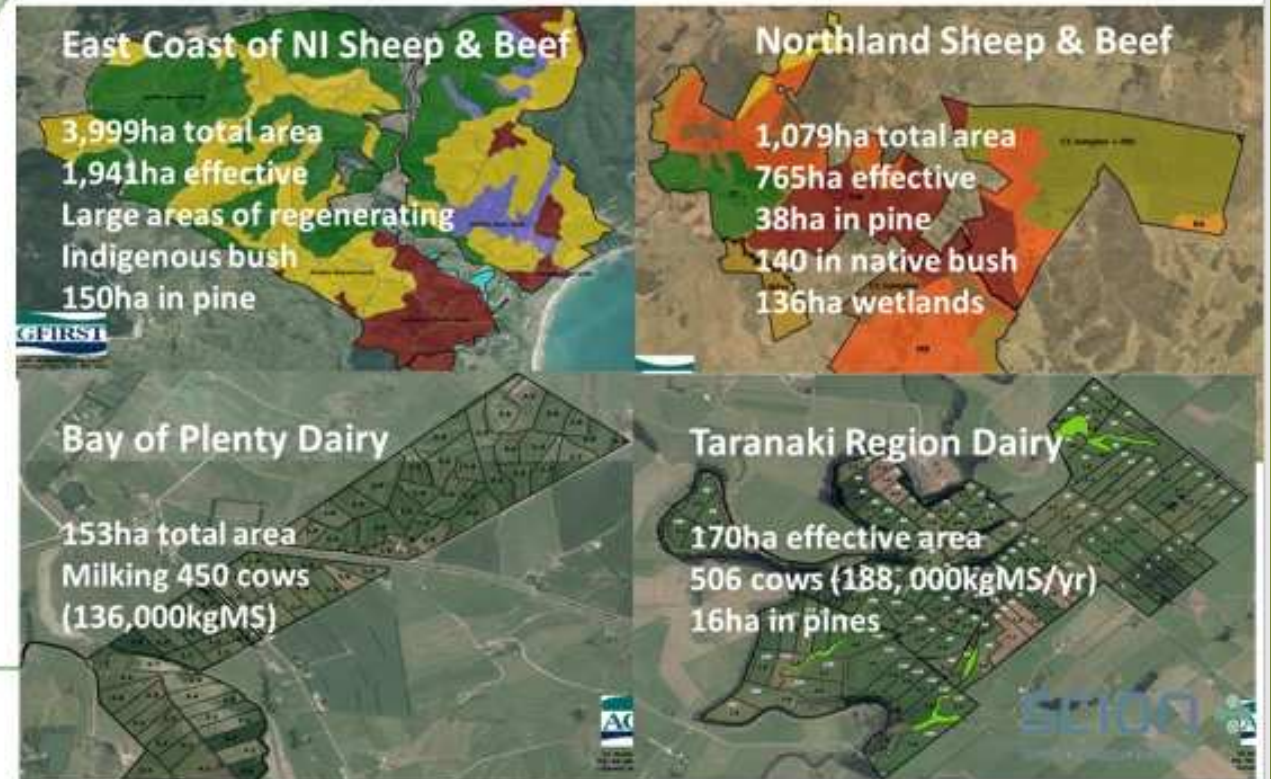


	Farms	Dairy	S&B
Taitokerau	9	3	6
Maniapoto	4	2	2
Waiariki	5	2	3
Tairawhiti	6	-	6
Takitimu	2	1	1
Aotea	3	3	-
	29	11	18

Dairy 13.3t CO<sub>2</sub> eq/ha  
S&B 3.9t CO<sub>2</sub> eq/ha



## 4 Case Study Farms

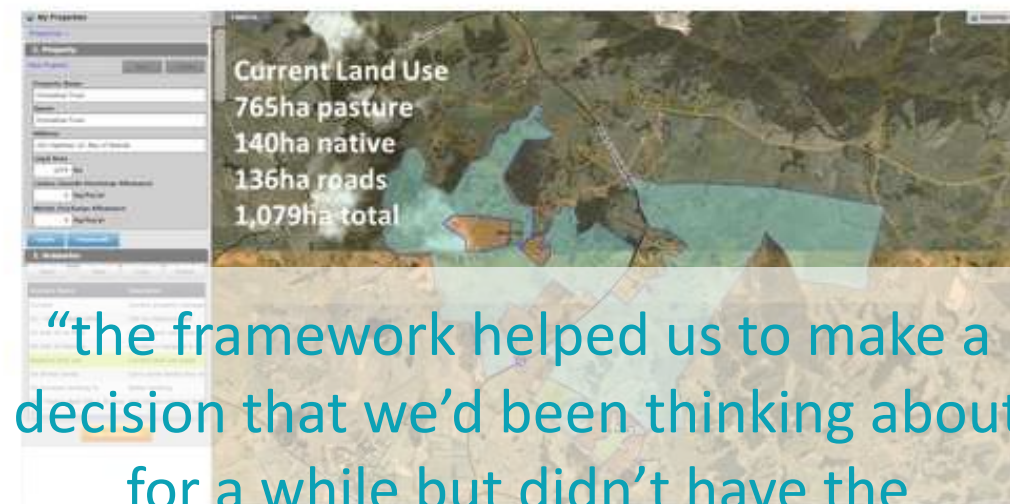


### Project Team

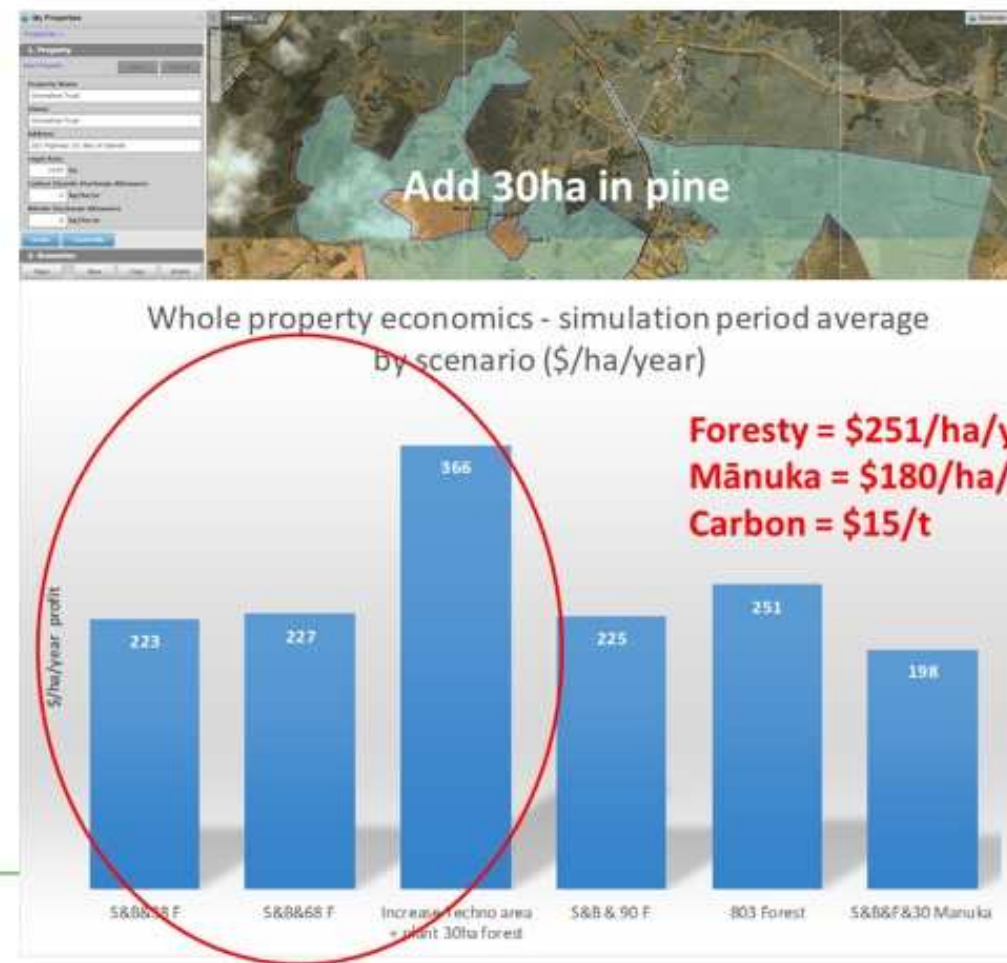
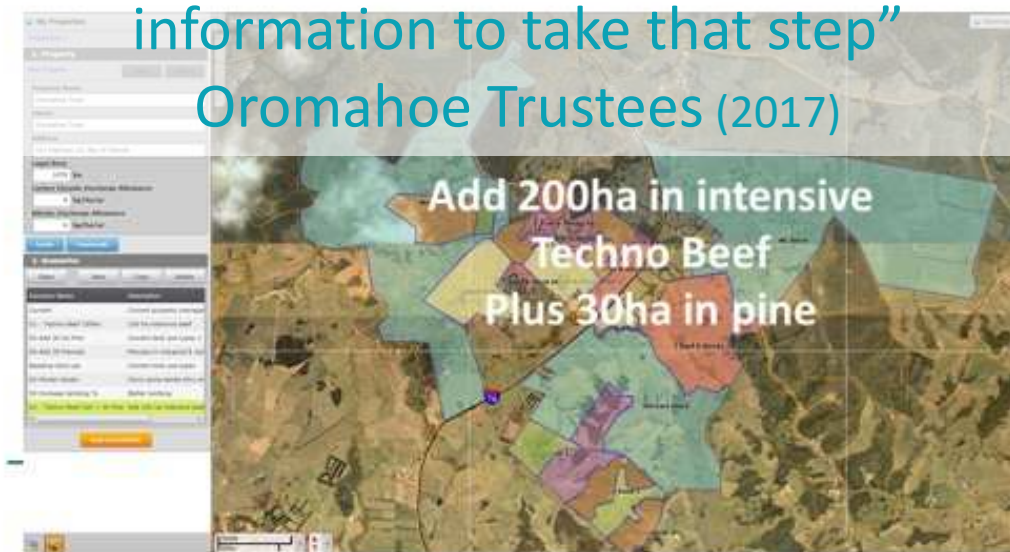
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# Land Use Change Scenarios



“the framework helped us to make a decision that we’d been thinking about for a while but didn’t have the information to take that step”  
Oromahoe Trustees (2017)

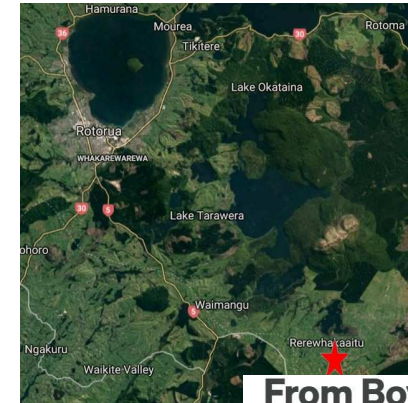


# Stage II Programme (2017-2019): Diversified Multi-Enterprise Entities

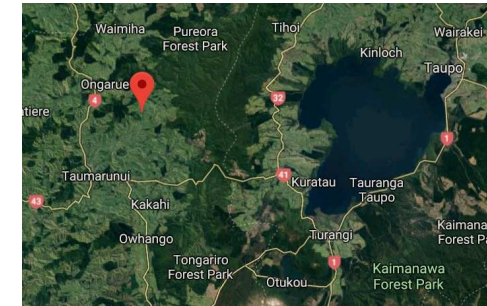
- What does it mean to be an elected representative with tiaki or guardianship responsibilities?
- Maintaining sustainable revenue streams for the landowners
- Onuku Trust diversification into dairy sheep & CNI collective



2,362ha



2,369ha



## From Bovine to Ovine

From **Country Life**, 9:36 pm on 29 July 2022

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Photo: Rudolph van Zoijdam

Sparkie stands out in a crowd, you see she's the black sheep of the flock.

She was helped into the world two winters ago by the Onuku Māori Lands Trust chair Barnett Vercoe and she's one of 1800 mainly East Friesian sheep which the trust is milking on its property near Rerewhakaaitu, half an hour south of Rotorua.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/countrylife/audio/2018851354/from-bovine-to-ovine>

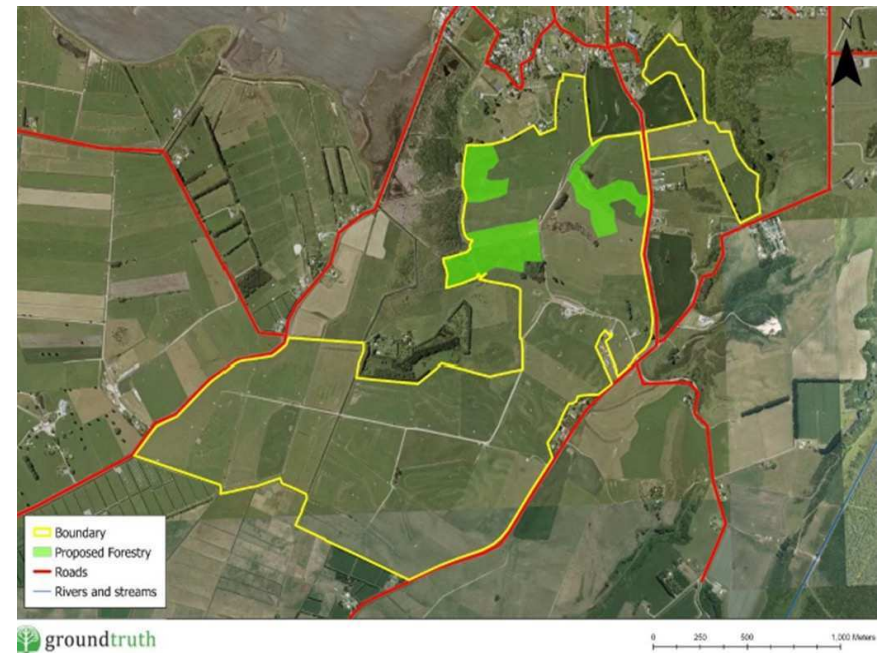
# Stage III: Understanding the carbon price levy on dairy and livestock farms

Table 12: Orete Scenario Impact on GHG Emissions and Farm Profitability

	Total property net CO <sub>2</sub> e (T/ha)	Total GHG % change from Base	% Change in pastoral methane from base	% Change in pastoral Nitrous Oxide from base	% Change in methane from base, including forestry	% Change in Nitrous Oxide from base, including forestry	EBITDA (\$ effective ha/yr)	% change from Base model
Base model	8.4						\$1,056	
Reduce cow numbers 10% - no improvement in productivity	7.7	-8%	-8%	-9%	-8%	-9%	\$685	-35%
Reduce cow numbers 10% - improve productivity	7.9	-6%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-6%	\$1,409	33%
Reduce cow numbers 15% - improve productivity	7.5	-10%	-11%	-6%	-11%	-6%	\$1,461	38%
Reduce replacement rate	8.3	-1%	-1%	0%	-1%	0%	\$1,181	12%
No nitrogen fertiliser	7.8	-7%	-4%	-19%	-4%	-19%	\$1,005	-5%
No bought supplementary feed	7.6	-10%	-12%	-1%	-12%	-1%	\$837	-21%
No N fertiliser, No bought supplement	7.0	-17%	-16%	-20%	-16%	-20%	\$883	-16%
10% of farm in pines	5.6	-33%	-8%	-9%	-33%	-34%	\$981	-7%
10% of farm in pines, reduce SR 10%	5.1	-39%	-14%	-15%	-39%	-39%	\$1,296	23%
31% of farm in pines	-0.3	-103%	-25%	-28%	-103%	-103%	\$662	-37%
10% of farm in gold kiwifruit	7.7	-8%	-8%	-9%	-8%	-9%	\$1,658	57%
24ha pines, reduce SR16%, differential offset	4.1	-51%	-13%	-12%	-38%	-100%	\$737	-30%

Note: The “% change in pastoral methane/nitrous oxide” is the change in emission of the gasses from just the pastoral area, whereas the “% change including forestry” is the change in emissions where the forestry offset has been included.

Note the high increase in EBITDA with 10% and 15% reductions in cow numbers reflects the ‘theoretical’ increases in productivity modelled in Farmax (total GHG reductions of -6% and -10% respectively also modelled in Farmax)



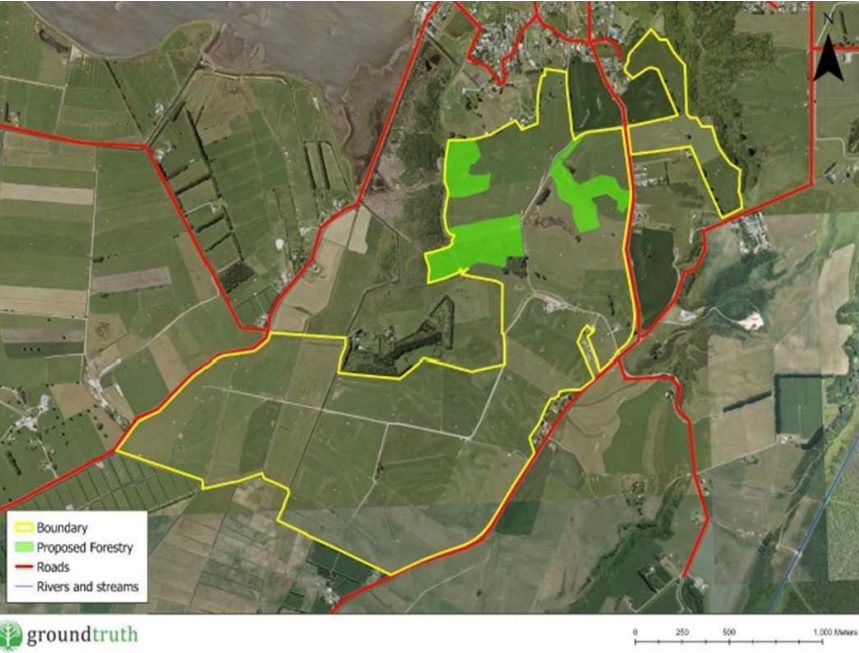
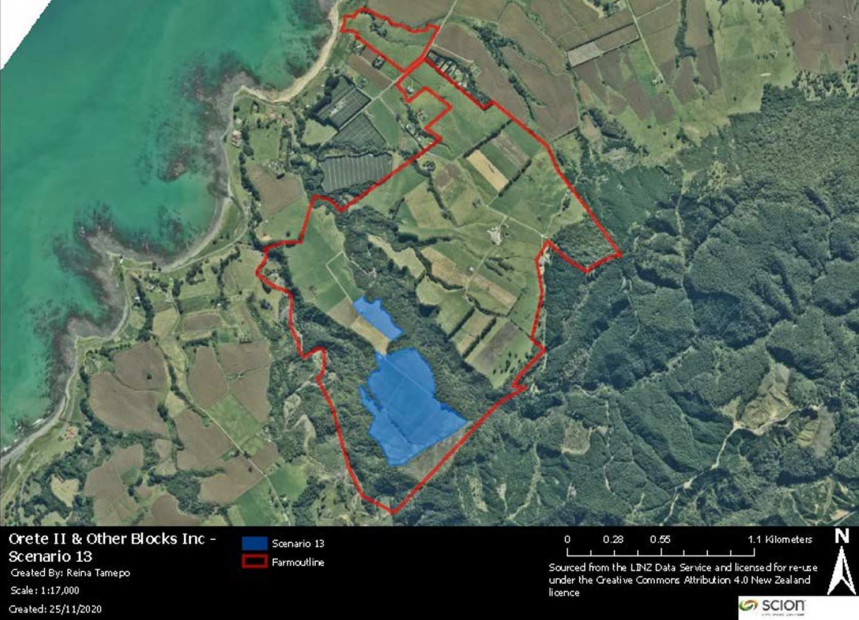
# Stage III: Understanding the carbon price levy on dairy and livestock farms – assessing options

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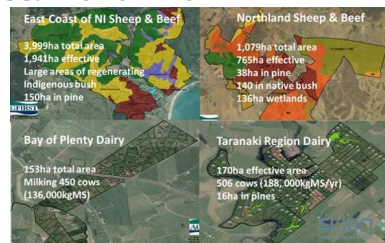
# Our partners and the evolution of Takahuri Whenua 2014 - 2020

## Stage III Net Zero Targets

## Stage II - Diversified Entities

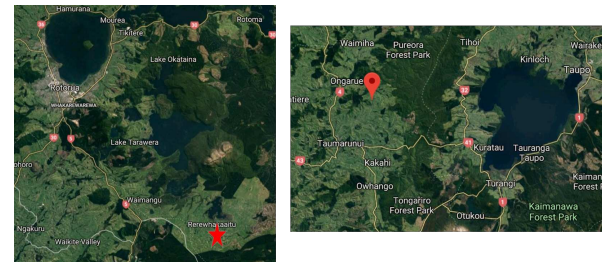
## Stage I: Network & Cases

- 1. Oramahoe (18R2B2B2) Trust**  
*S&B Taitokerau*
- 2. Pukehina M3 Trust**  
*Dairy Te Arawa*
- 3. Rua te Moko Ltd (Partnership)**  
*Dairy Taranaki*
- 4. Maroitiri Partnership**  
*S&B Tairawhiti*



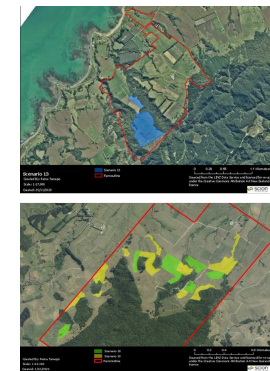
## 2014 -2017

- 5. Te Urunga B2 Incorporation**  
*Maniapoto*
- 6. Onuku Trust**  
*Te Arawa*



## 2018 - 2019

- 7. Te Aroha Aggregation**  
*Dairy Waikato*
- 8. Pukepoto Trust**  
*S&B Maniapoto*
- 9. Te Paiaka Trust**  
*S&B Te Arawa*
- 10. Orete Incorporation**  
*Dairy Whanau a Apanui*

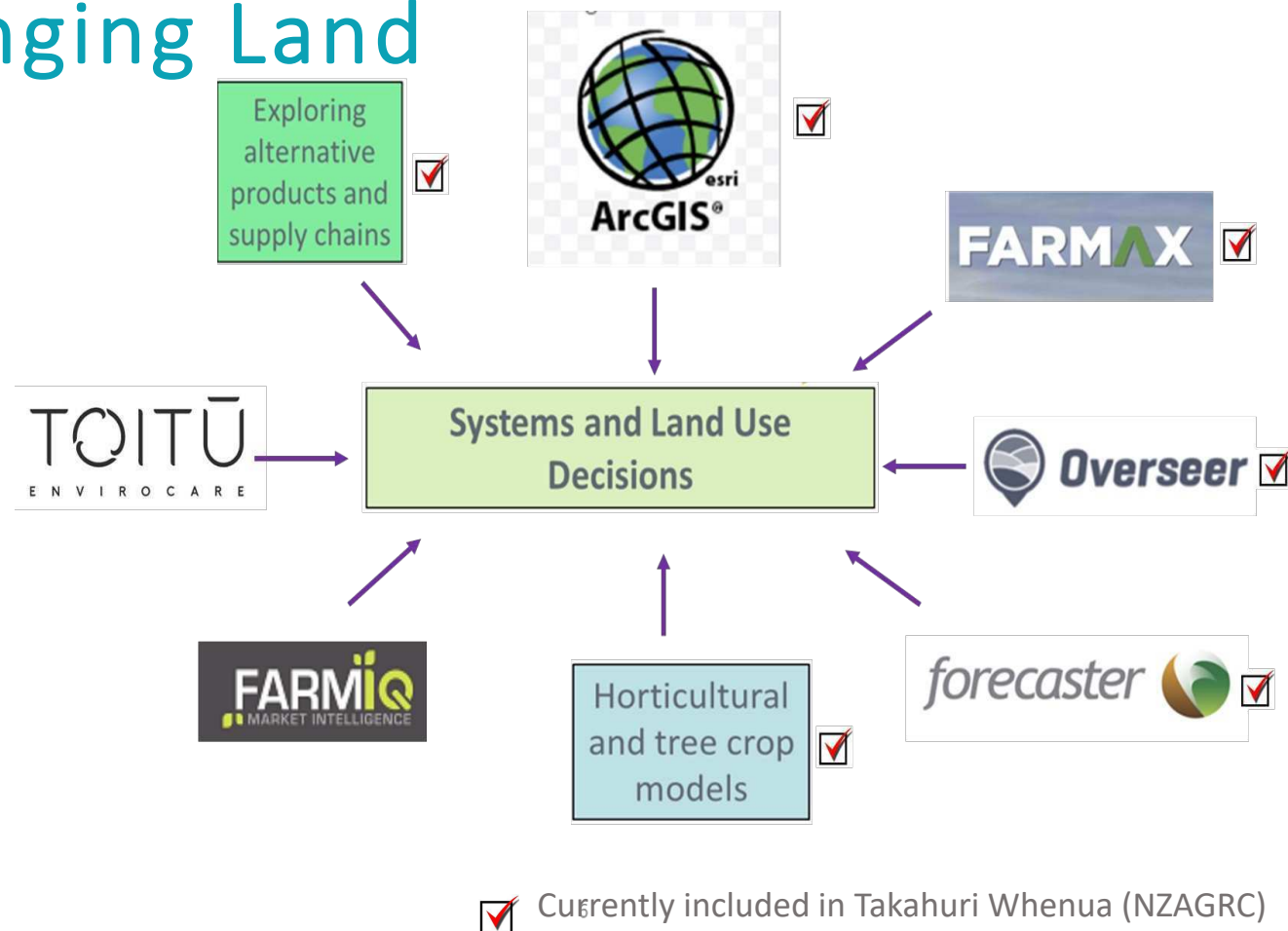


2019 - 2020

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## 10 POINT METHOD

1. Determine owner/farmer objectives (short and long term) and access copies of strategic, management and environmental plans where available;
2. Interview owner governance i.e. trustees, directors, committees of management to understand their preferences, priorities and level of interest in environmental mitigation options;
3. Access on farm data including farm maps where available;
4. Interview farm managers and consultants to gain information and data on livestock policies, farm inputs and expenses, needed to develop Overseer and Farmmax files along with mitigation options;
5. Produce base line status quo description of the farm system including GHG profile
6. Produce mitigation options including farm systems changes and land use changes
7. Produce status quo aerial map showing current land utilisation and potential land use changes
8. Present report to the governance and management team to discuss results and options
9. Provide background and context information on carbon policy and the science behind the mitigation options
10. Agree on mitigation options and produce final report with systems and land use changes showing the economic and environmental impacts; along with other social impacts of options including diversification to forestry or horticulture.



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## 1. Meet with the owners, managers and advisors

1. Determine owner/farmer objectives (short and long term) and access

## 2. Determine priorities and objectives

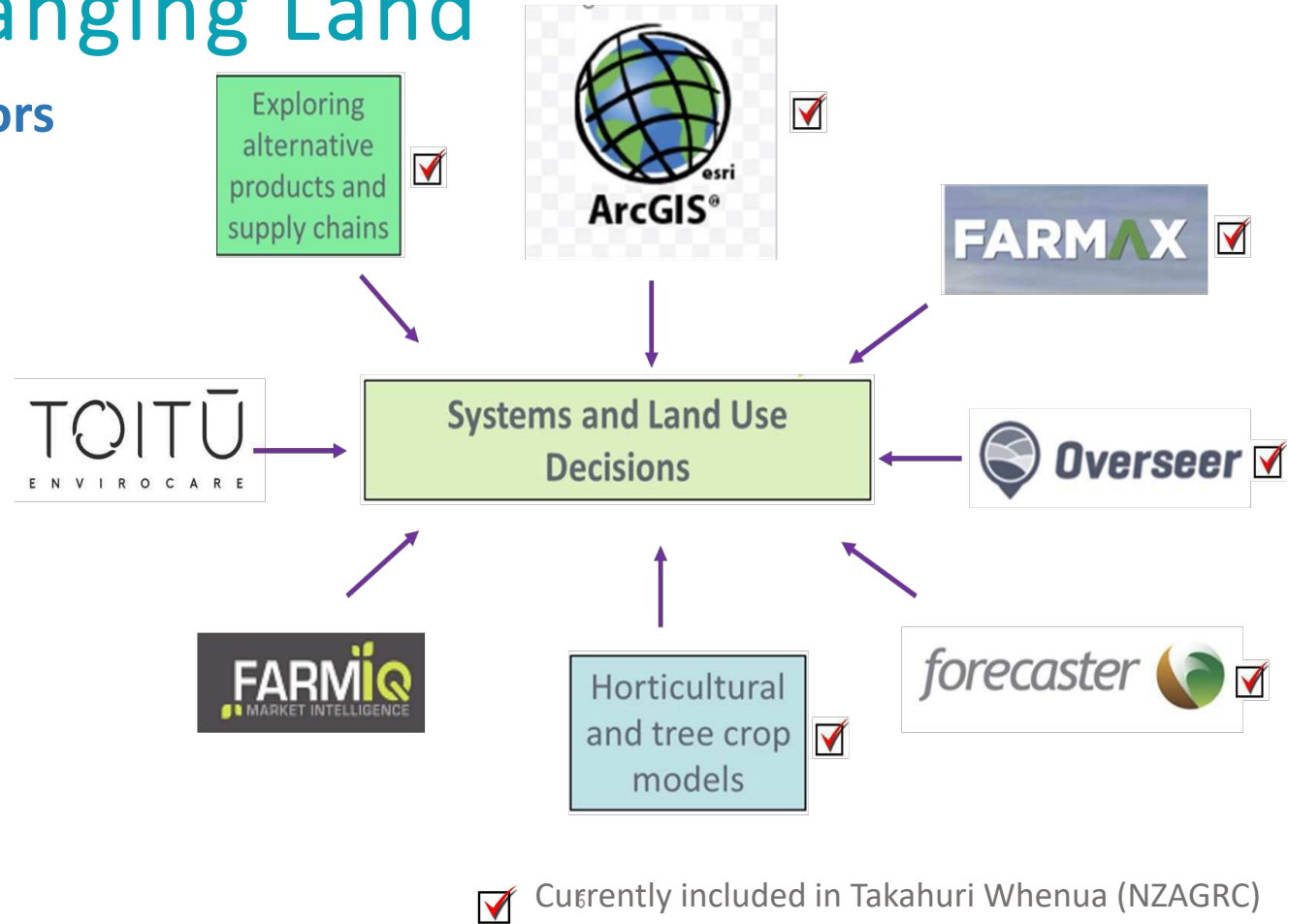
2. Collect/confirm property data and Identify land use change options

## 3. Model status quo system with baseline indicators

## 4. Agree on land use change options

## 5. Reconfigure the base animal system

10. Model alternatives and present in maps and the metrics/indicators in tables



# Stage IV: 18 Farms - 2 Collectives and 1 Partnership

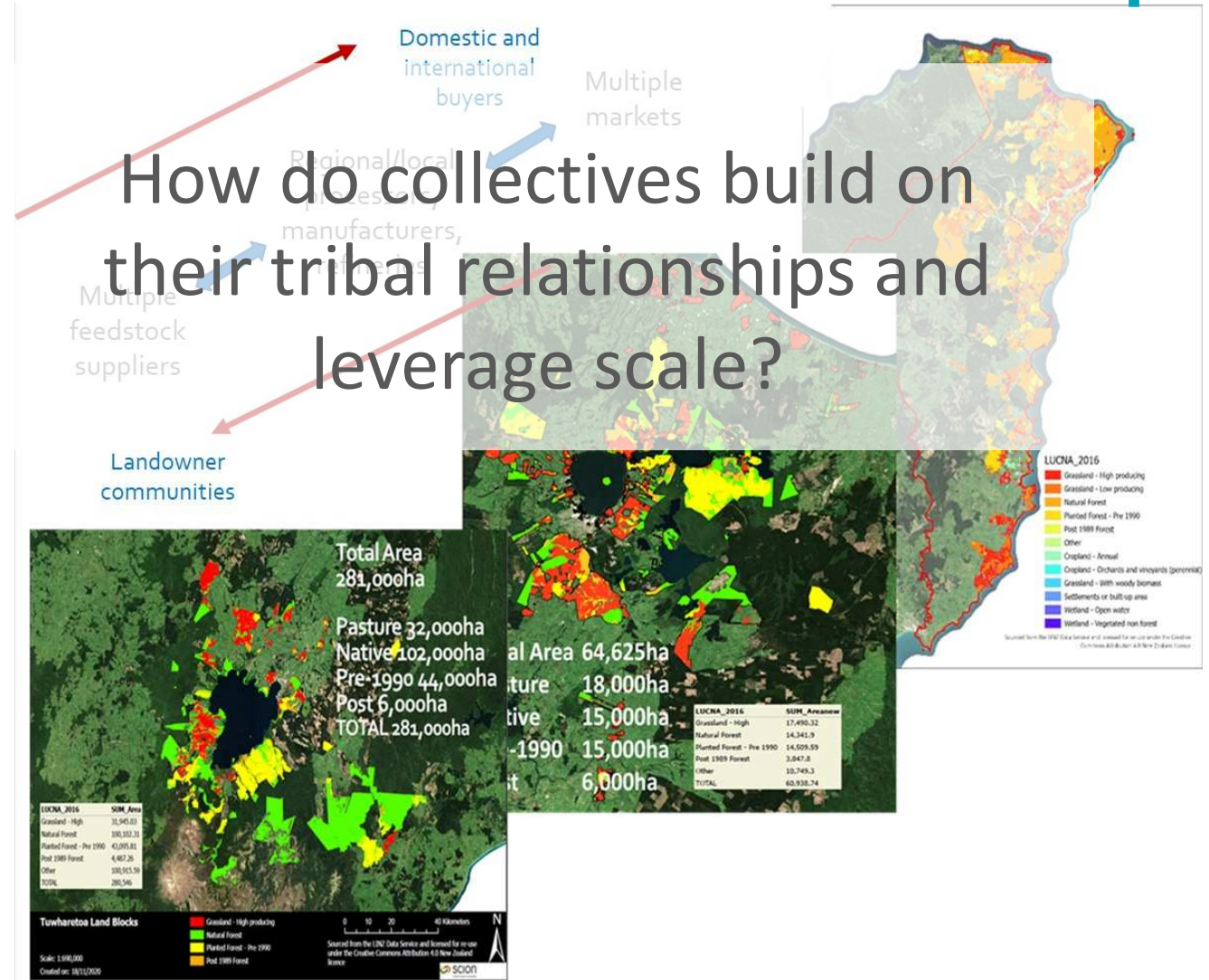
## Te Arawa Arataua Collective

- Maraeroa Oturoa Trust
- Otukawa Trust
- Te Arawa Management Ltd
- Tumunui Trust
- Waerenga Incorporation
- Waipupumahana Trust

## Tuwharetoa Farm Collective

- Rangiatea Trust
- Tuatahi Partnership (2 x farms)
- Taurewa Trust
- Waihi Pukawa
- Whakarawa Trust

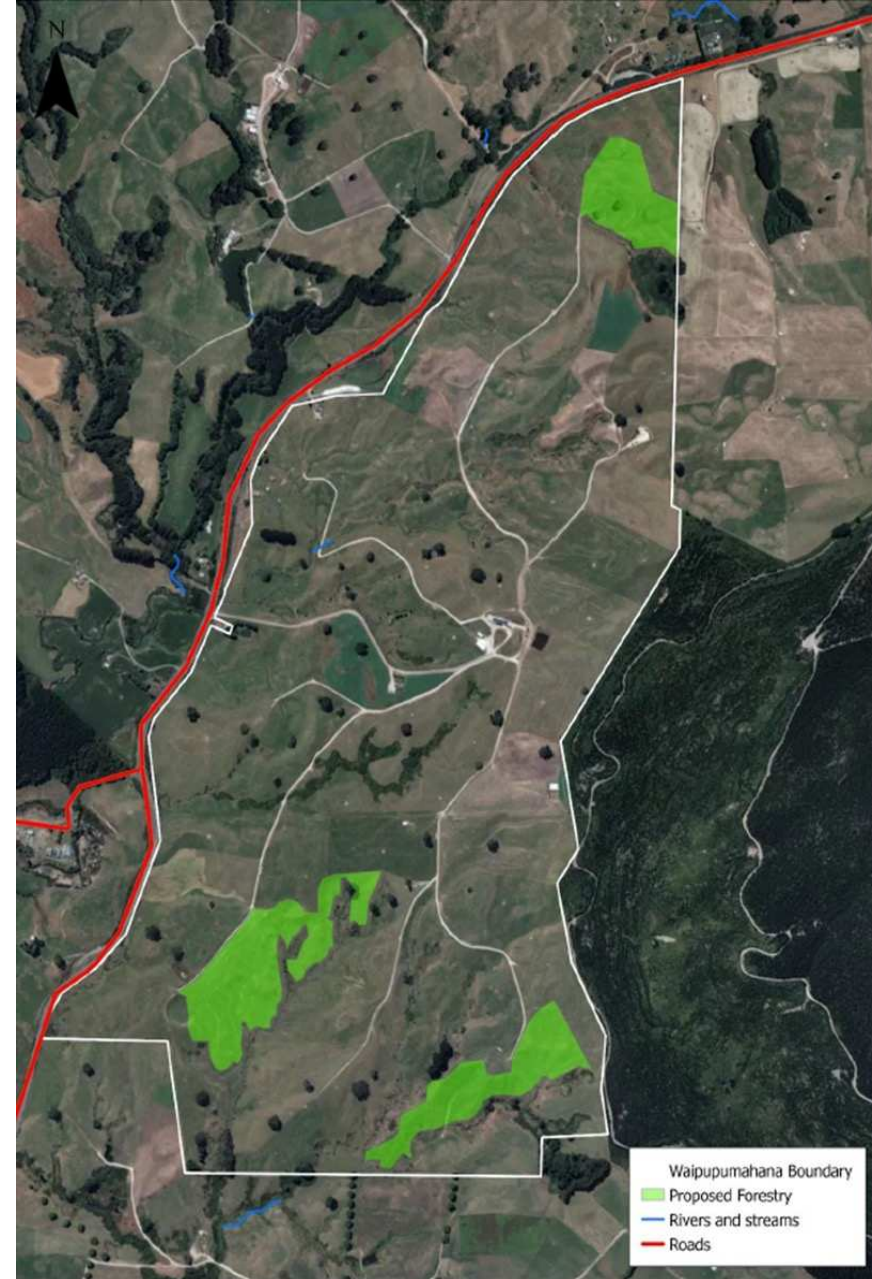
## Whangara Farms (x 6 individual farms)



# Carbon price levy on dairy and livestock farms (\$85T/CO<sub>2</sub>e)

Table 3: Carbon Levy as a Proportion of EBITDA

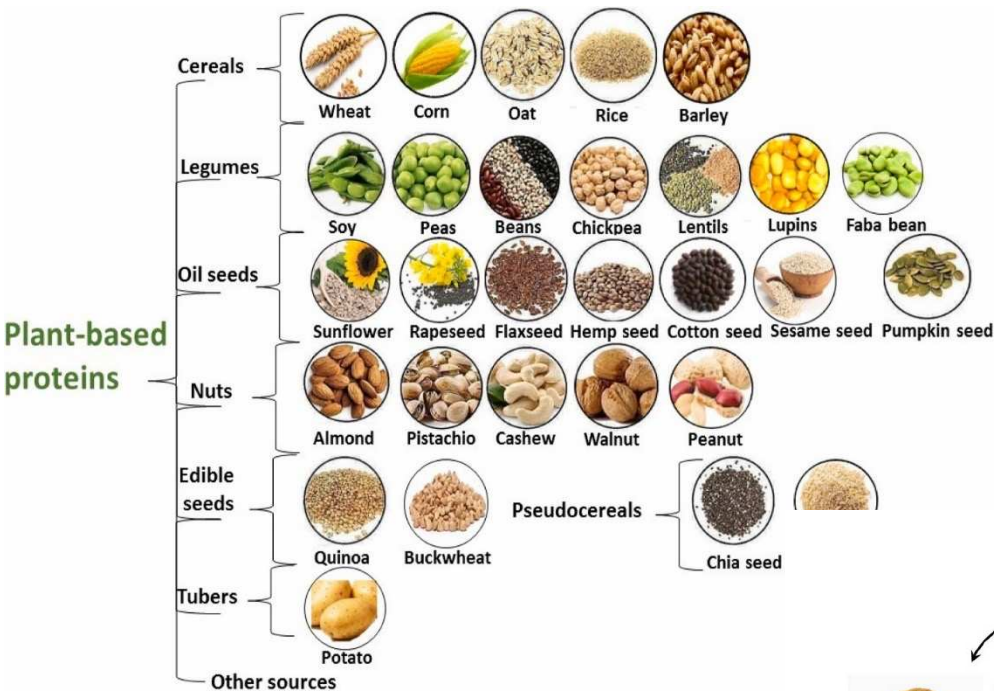
Dairy	2025 Levy	2030 Levy	2025 levy as a proportion of EBITDA	2030 levy as a proportion of EBITDA
Farm 1	\$8,613	\$27,966	1%	4%
Farm 2	\$20,635	\$67,004	2%	5%
Farm 3	\$7,664	\$24,887	1%	3%
Farm 4	\$7,484	\$24,302	1%	5%
Farm 5	\$11,404	\$37,028	2%	6%
<b>Sheep &amp; Beef</b>			<b>Mean 1.4%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
Farm 1	\$35,212	\$114,336	6%	20%
Farm 2	\$35,682	\$115,862	13%	41%
Farm 3	\$50,168	\$162,900	5%	17%
Farm 4	\$56,554	\$183,635	2%	8%
Farm 5	\$22,242	\$72,220	4%	14%
			<b>Mean 6%</b>	<b>20%</b>



GHG/ha of av sheep & beef farm is 38% of that of the average dairy farm  
 Av sheep & beef farm is 4.5 times larger in area

Journeaux, P. & Kingi, T.T. Impacts of the proposed carbon price levy on NZ farmers. Presented paper to the NZARES 2022 Conference, Nelson

- Limited alternatives for farmers
- Lack of alternative processing infrastructure
- High risks for individual farmers



Farmers must position themselves to participate in “net zero market” requirements

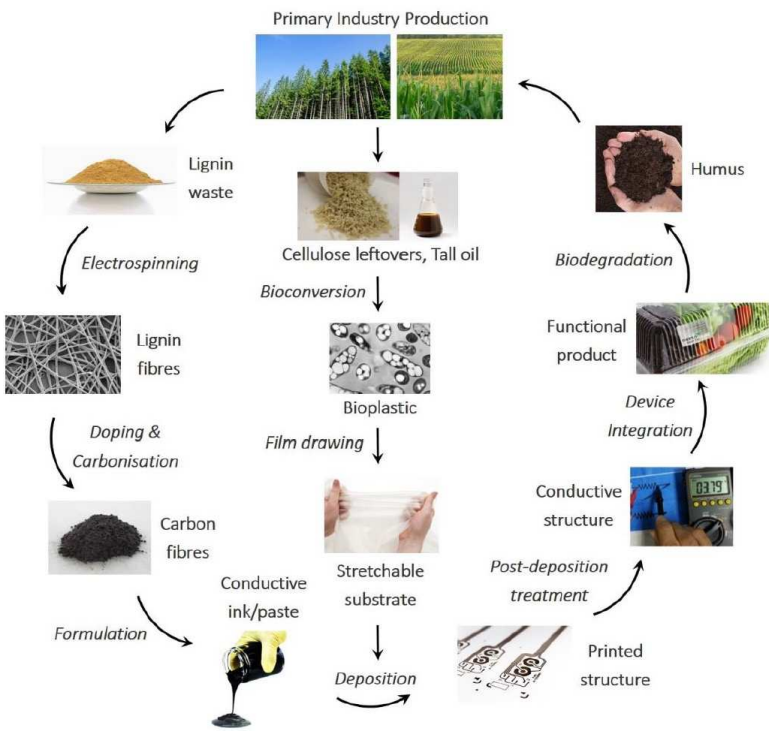
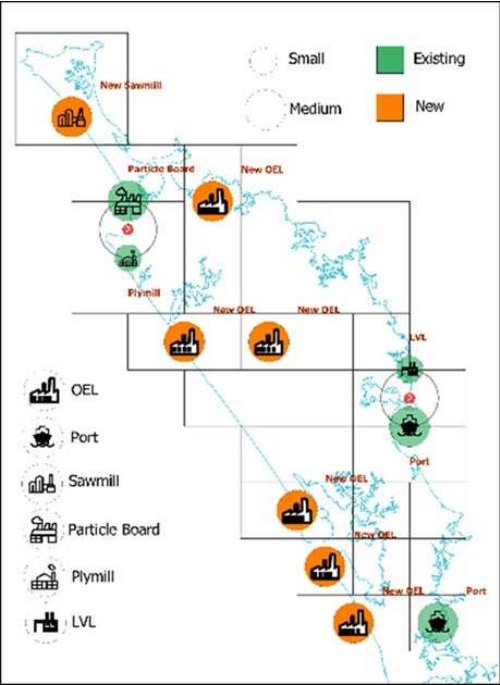


Fig. 1: GPE as an industry contributing to the circular bio-economy

PHAs for Digitalization of packaging

# How do we go beyond collectives and develop networks of farms?

Te Arawa Rohe = 64,625ha\*

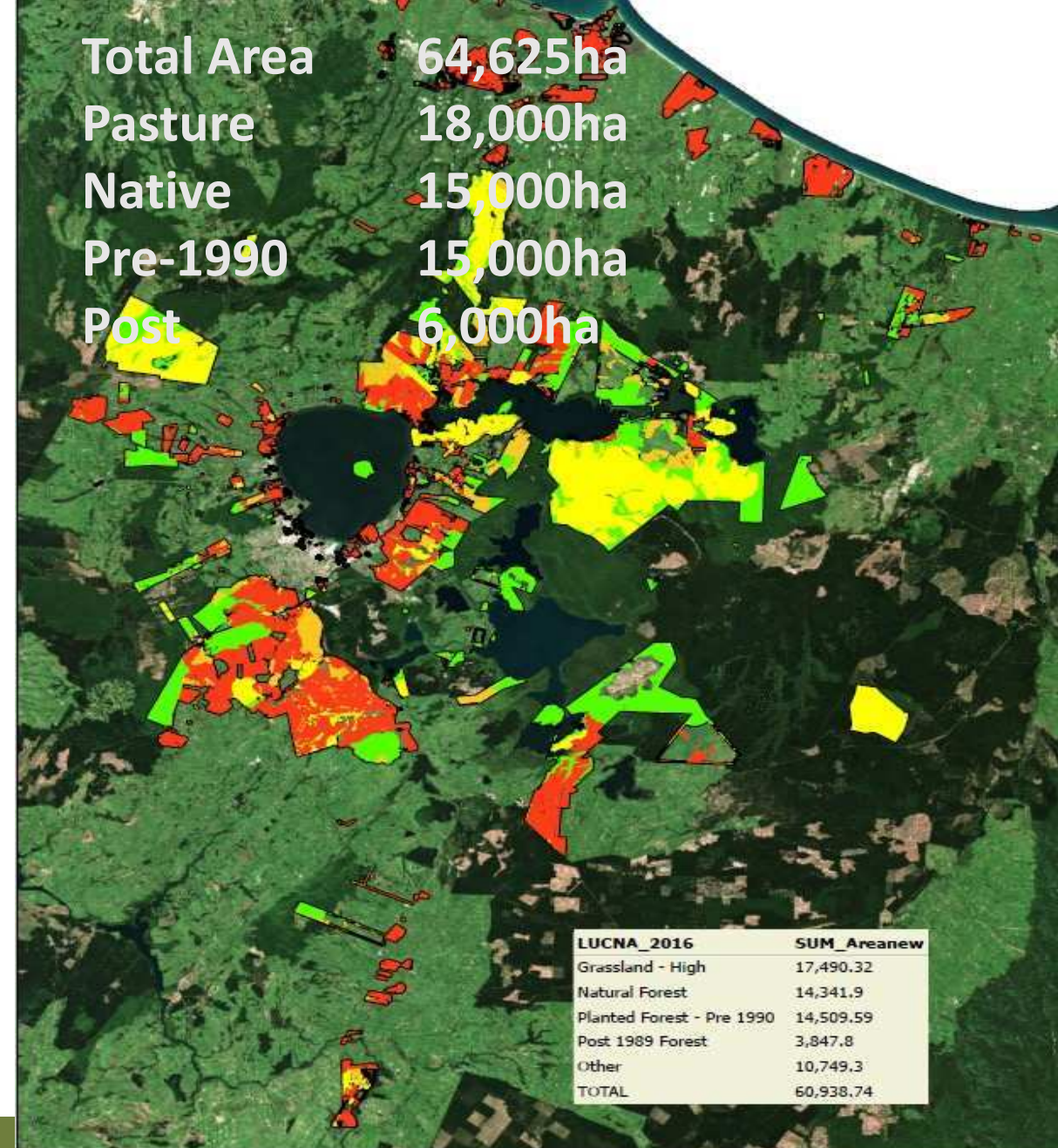
> 2,600 land blocks

~ 30% of land is in pasture

~ 110 entities >80ha (pasture)

20 entities control 60% of the land

\* Excludes treaty settlement land



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