

# Fonterra–Department of Conservation Living Water Partnership (New Zealand)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

A 10-year, NZ\$20 million partnership (2013-2023) between dairy co-operative Fonterra and New Zealand's Department of Conservation enhanced 5,213 ha across 5 priority dairy catchments, testing 36 water-quality trials and scaling 9 solutions industry-wide.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                               | Score |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced             | 0/3   |
| Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced    | 1/3   |
| Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control | 3/3   |
| Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced             | 0/3   |
| Governance, certification & transferability             | 3/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Fonterra Co-operative Group / New Zealand Department of Conservation \(DOC\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Fonterra: Living Water — new approaches delivering results](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Fonterra: Celebrating nine years of the Living Water partnership](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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