

New Zealand National Wilding Conifer Control Programme

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Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

National programme paying contractors to eliminate invasive wilding conifers from ~180,000 ha/year; wilding conifers remove up to 40% of catchment water. NZD 175m invested since 2015; Budget 2026 allocates a further NZD 79m. Independent CBA: NZD 30 return per dollar spent.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	2/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries \(MPI\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[National Wilding Conifer Programme \(wildingpines.nz\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[MPI Programme Page](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Budget 2026: NZD 79m boost \(NZ Herald\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[MPI Cost-Benefit Analysis Phase 2 \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

[Beehive: 1.4m ha in two years](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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