

# Restoration planting



We're mitigating the ecological impact of vegetation removal and road construction with a large-scale planting programme.



Some 289,000 natives will be planted across 47 hectares of land in and around the project area. Almost 90,000 are destined to go into riparian offset planting across 17 hectares with others covering 6ha of kahikatea swamp forest, 9ha of dryland bush, and 15ha of roadside margins and fill slopes.

Sedges and rushes will thrive in open wetlands, while hardy shrubs, small trees and towering canopy species will flourish in dryland bush and wetland margins.

For every significant tree removed, we plant 200 seedlings of the same species, sourced from the area around Parininihi/Mt Messenger. After construction, stormwater runoff on the new road will be purified through strategically positioned constructed wetlands, where plants will naturally filter contaminants before they reach natural watercourses.

Our restoration planting mahi is part of a comprehensive environmental programme that includes pest management and care for native species, as we aim to leave the project area in a much better condition for generations to come.

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