



UPDATE ON EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY FUND

Projects, advisory services, help and information for farmers, growers, workers and families in the Hurunui, Marlborough and Kaikōura regions.

To talk about the information in this flyer, call MPI on **0800 00 83 33** or email **funding@mpi.govt.nz**

MARLBOROUGH MAYOR JOHN LEGGETT



The quake and its many aftershocks have affected us all in varied ways. For us all, the physical changes to our landscape were astounding to witness, and will remain with us as a reminder of the immense forces of nature we face in New Zealand.

Twelve months on, Marlborough has recovered well. Our story is one of digging deep to help others in our community, of getting ourselves back on track, and of looking ahead.

As we each reflect on our own experiences during the quake and its aftermath, I also want to acknowledge the enormous response and recovery effort that our region has undertaken over the past year, and the strength of our community spirit. The quake didn't break us – in many ways it has made us stronger.

www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/emergency-management/emergency-events/earthquake-14-november-2016/recovery-information

KAIKŌURA MAYOR WINSTON GRAY



What a year we've been through. Thank you for being steadfast this year as our district has taken the first steps on our recovery journey. I appreciate it has not been easy on many of you.

We've achieved a lot this year including getting the harbour fully functional again. This means a lot to our locals, our businesses and our visitors. The ocean is a huge part of our district life and reconnecting with it is not only critical to our communities' recovery but also to the future development of our economy.

As hard as it has been, this disaster has created opportunities. For our local dairy farmers, the Kaitiaki Plains Recovery Project is underway and will drive understanding of the damage done to this precious farming land and how to respond to it. With the support of DairyNZ, ECan and MPI, our dairy farmers now have a real opportunity to implement practical solutions with even better environmental, social and economic farming results.

There's still a lot of work to do, particularly in our rural areas and working through what the damage and changes to our landscape, water tables and natural hazards mean for us all. Council is here to work with you through these issues and your wider recovery journey – just get in touch if you need us.

HURUNUI MAYOR WINTON DALLEY

It's great to see our farmers and district continuing to recover from the drought and earthquake. A year on, we can see the inevitable effects of a wet winter on earthquake-damaged farm land, so it is good to know we have a number of farmer-led Primary Industries Earthquake Recovery Fund projects (ERF) up and running.



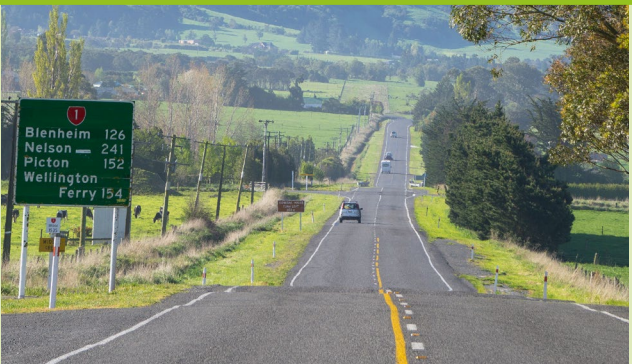
In particular, the Farm Land & Business Recovery Project. For our landowners, Beef+Lamb NZ have the contract for this project, supported by farmers, ECan and potentially other entities. Under this project, farmers have the opportunity to pool their separate ERF Advisory Services funding with other farmers – this would ensure our farming community gets maximum use out of the fund. I encourage you to take up this offer and join other farmers to find solutions and develop new opportunities – this is a time to be innovative, adaptive, willing to change and see new opportunities.

I am conscious that while a huge amount of recovery has occurred, many of you have a long haul before your insurance settlements are finalised and your long-term farm recovery and rebuilds are complete.

Please remember that a lot of support is in place to help you through the challenges that still lie ahead for many of you in the coming year.

I wish you happy times with your family and friends during the fast approaching Christmas season, take a little time to reflect and be proud of your contribution as a farmer to the production of the necessities of life, food and fibre.

NZTA: ROAD OPENING ON TRACK BY CHRISTMAS



Everyone is hoping that heavy rain and more shakes stay away this year, so State Highway 1 north of Kaikōura can open as planned on Friday 15th December.

Open doesn't quite mean complete – there will be some unsealed surfaces, lane closures and stop/go work sites. Plus there will be months of overnight closures while work is carried out.

Trucks and other heavy vehicles will be able to use the road. It is still being assessed for safe use for High Productivity Motor Vehicles.

Detailed updates leading up to Christmas are on the website: www.nzta.govt.nz/p2c or you can talk to North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR) directly: email info@nctir.com or phone 0800 NCTIREQ (0800 628 4737).

2017 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY FUND: COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECTS

Eight projects have confirmed funding to tackle a shared problem or to develop new opportunities, with a focus on long-term land use diversification, research, and restoration for earthquake-affected areas.

Funded over three years, these community-led projects are an important part of helping the regions' producers to build on recovery. They cover sheep and beef, dairy, viticulture, seafood, and water resources.

The community groups will report progress throughout the projects, sharing findings and learnings with the community they are representing, so everyone can benefit from this recovery assistance.

PROJECT 1: Farm Land & Business Recovery Programme – Marlborough. Contact: Kelvin Whall 027 231 2452

PROJECT 2: Farm Land & Business Recovery Programme – Waiau/Kaikōura. Contact: Kelvin Whall 027 231 2452

PROJECT 3: Farm Land & Business Recovery Programme – Cheviot/Conway. Contact: Kelvin Whall 027 231 2452

PROJECT 4: Managing biosecurity risks on earthquake affected land. Contact: Annette Litherland 027 724 4445

PROJECT 5: Kaikōura Plains Recovery project. Contact: Jodie Hoggard 027 551 5902

PROJECT 6: Community-based Pāua Recovery Education.

Contact: Jason Ruawai 027 254 3374

PROJECT 7: Impact of Kaikōura earthquake on the water resources of the Flaxbourne and Waima catchments. Contact: John Patterson 021 734 517

PROJECT 8: Enhancing resilience for Marlborough and North Canterbury wine industries: insights, evidence and engineering. Contact: Nick Cradock-Henry 021 151 6421.

PHIL SMITH – FARMER DIRECTOR, NORTHERN SOUTH ISLAND, BEEF+LAMB NZ

I am very pleased to tell you that the Farm Land & Business Recovery programme of three co-ordinated projects was signed with MPI on 2 November 2017 (Projects 1, 2 and 3 above).



This three-year programme, under the Primary Industries Earthquake Recovery Fund (ERF), has been developed with the input of many parties – including earthquake-affected farmers, Federated Farmers, Beef+Lamb NZ, Hurunui District Council and ECan. Beef+Lamb NZ have signed the contract on behalf of a collaborative establishment group keen to support farmers in the earthquake recovery process.

The programme is farmer-led and is kicking off with groups forming in Marlborough, Waiau/Kaikōura, and Cheviot/Conway areas.

The programme has two aims: first, to look at land stability and recovery within existing farm systems, and second, to help farmers find options for future land use. Activities will be determined by local priorities and then coordinated across the affected areas. This will allow sharing of knowledge and ideas, and observation of field trials. Participating farmers will be able to pool their ERF Advisory Services (option 2) funding if they want to – we see it will be more cost-effective for farmers to take up expert advice together.

More information will be available as soon as we have a project manager in place. Until then, **Kelvin Whall on 027 231 2452** can answer any questions and let you know how to get involved.

For project updates and contact information visit www.mpi.govt.nz/Kaikōura-earthquake

2017 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY FUND: ADVISORY SERVICES

The Earthquake Recovery Fund supports long-term land use changes in the affected Hurunui, Kaikōura and Marlborough regions.

\$5000 ADVISORY SERVICES FOR AFFECTED FARMERS

WHO IS THIS FOR?

You can use this fund if your business meets all three criteria:

- Primary industry businesses (includes dairy, sheep, beef, deer, arable, horticulture, forestry, farm forestry, pigs, poultry, viticulture, land-based aquaculture but excludes wild fisheries) in the Hurunui, Kaikōura and Marlborough regions.
- Main business income comes from the primary sector.
- Your property has some form of damage from the November 2016 Earthquakes and you wish to access funding for advice on earthquake recovery.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete a simple 5-step process to access advisory funding for your primary industry business:



1 FIND AN APPROVED PROVIDER

Check the list of approved providers on the MPI website.



2 CHOOSE A PROVIDER

Select a provider as your adviser and give them a call to discuss your business/land issues and to scope the work required.



3 COMPLETE DETAILS ABOUT YOURSELF

Fill in the simple MPI form, supplied by the selected provider, to tell us about yourself and the work proposed.



4 AGREEING COSTS

The provider gives you either a quote for the scope of work, or a cost estimate. When you agree with it, the quote or estimate goes with the form to MPI for approval of the work.



5 WORK BEGINS

Once approved by MPI, up to \$5000 worth of advisory work can start. The funding will be paid to the approved provider when their work is completed.

For a practical example visit www.mpi.govt.nz/ERFExample.

WHO ARE THE MPI-APPROVED ADVISORY SERVICES PROVIDERS?

These are on the MPI website at: www.mpi.govt.nz/advisory-services.

If you want to use a company for advice that is not on the MPI-approved list, they can apply to MPI for approval to do your advisory work by:

- going to www.mpi.govt.nz/advisory-services to submit documentation;
- or email MPI: funding@mpi.govt.nz or phone: **0800 00 83 33**.

SELECTING AN APPROVED PROVIDER

You choose the provider you want. We suggest viewing the approved providers' summaries and completing some due diligence, so you are confident they can deliver what you need. Discuss your needs with the provider, and give good detail on the work so everyone is clear on the service to be provided and the outputs to be delivered.

DO I HAVE TO USE A LOCAL PROVIDER?

The choice is yours. Some approved providers are not based in the affected regions, but have been approved due to their abilities. You can select the best provider for your needs, bearing in mind expertise, timeframes, capacity and availability.

DO I HAVE TO APPLY OR COMPLETE ANY APPLICATIONS?

You do not have to supply forms to MPI. Your approved provider will work with you to complete a simple form for the work required; and will provide the quote for work.

HOW MUCH CAN I GET?

MPI will fund up to \$5000 +GST per property for advice through MPI-approved advisory providers. MPI will pay approved advisory providers on receipt of forms confirming the work with you is completed, so no direct payments will be made to landowners or land managers.

MPI's funding is limited to a maximum of \$5000 + GST, no matter how much the total cost of the final work. The approved provider's quote for work will state costs covered by the MPI funding and if you may need to pay any other costs separately.

If you have two independent properties, you can claim for each one. If they are run as part of one operation (same management), you can only claim once.

HOW LONG IS FUNDING FOR ADVISORY SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR?

MPI has a \$500,000 fund that is available for earthquake recovery advisory services until 30 June 2018. From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 a separate \$500,000 will become available for further advisory services applications.

We recommend applying now to ensure access to this limited funding.

WHAT ADVISORY WORK IS COVERED UNDER THIS FUND?

- Strategic planning, including farm business and whole farm plans
- Land management and sustainable management techniques
- Farm environmental plans
- Analysis of farm systems
- Analysis and mitigation of risks
- Risk and recovery management
- Business continuity – establishment and documentation of farm systems
- Modelling farm change scenarios
- Alternate land use options
- Technical advice – soil, pastures, animal production, feed budgeting
- Financial planning and decision support
- Budgets and cash flow forecasting
- Farm accounts analysis
- Forestry advice
- Strategic advice

Out of scope:

- Proposals for business expansion
- Any work that is not related to earthquake recovery
- Properties outside of Hurunui, Kaikōura and Marlborough.

RuralSupport

RURAL SUPPORT TRUSTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Your local Rural Support Trust runs information and social events throughout the year. Joining in is a chance to get off-farm for you, your family, or your workers for a few hours and reconnect with your community. Check the events calendar on www.rural-support.org.nz/Regions/South-Island/North-Canterbury/ or give them a call on **0800 RURAL HELP**.

Do you need to talk through your options?

Are you a bit concerned about someone – a family member, partner, worker? Your local Rural Support Trust can point you in the right direction. Call **0800 787 254** to arrange a free and confidential chat at a place that suits you.

www.rural-support.org.nz: **0800 RURAL HELP**



MORE INFORMATION

Rural Support Trusts: 0800 787 254 (0800 RURAL HELP)

Work & Income General Enquiries: 0800 559 009

Inland Revenue's Emergency Helpline: 0800 473 566

Federated Farmers: www.fedfarm.org.nz, 0800 327 646

Farmstrong: <http://farmstrong.co.nz>

Rural Women New Zealand: 0800 256 467

Your local GP

Your local vet

DairyNZ: 0800 4 324 7969

Beef+Lamb NZ: 0800 733 466

HortNZ: 0508 467 869