



**Forestry and the Future of Banks Peninsula**

**EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME  
AND  
NATIVE REGENERATION**

**EDS PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP**

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# Funding biodiversity



# Native Forest Climate Change Group



# Climate Commission Recommendation 25



**Ināia tonu nei:**  
a low emissions future  
for Aotearoa

## Recommendation 25

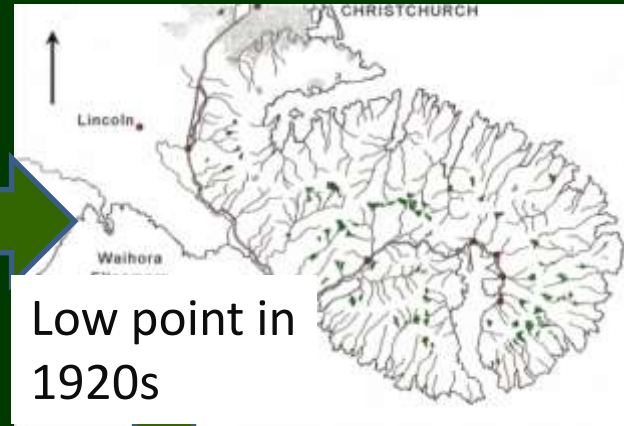
1. Establishing a long-term carbon sink through a **comprehensive national programme to incentivise the reversion and planting of new native forests** to maintain net zero long-lived greenhouse gas emissions beyond 2050.



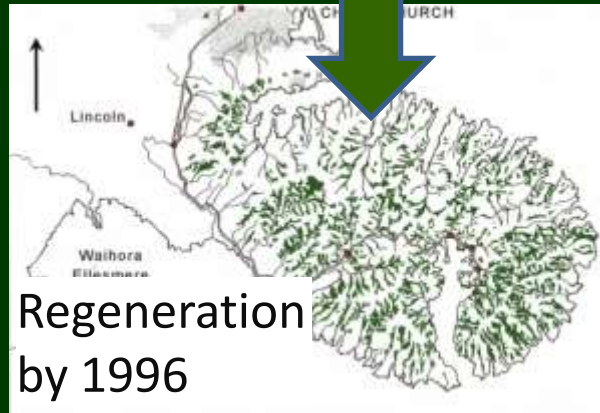
# Banks Peninsula Native Forest story



European  
arrival 1830s



Low point in  
1920s



Regeneration  
by 1996

Map sourced from "Plant life on Banks Peninsula",  
Hugh Wilson, Manuka Press 2013

# Hinewai Reserve





# Transition to forest through gorse









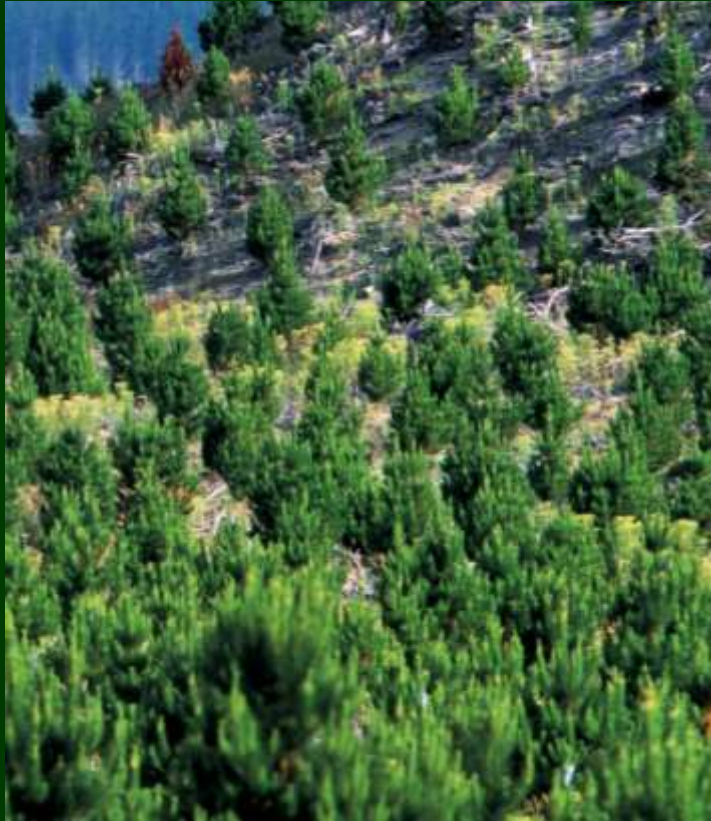


# Hinewai registered early via EBEX



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1FtUmfxT8c>

# EST Plantation oriented





# Determine age a barrier

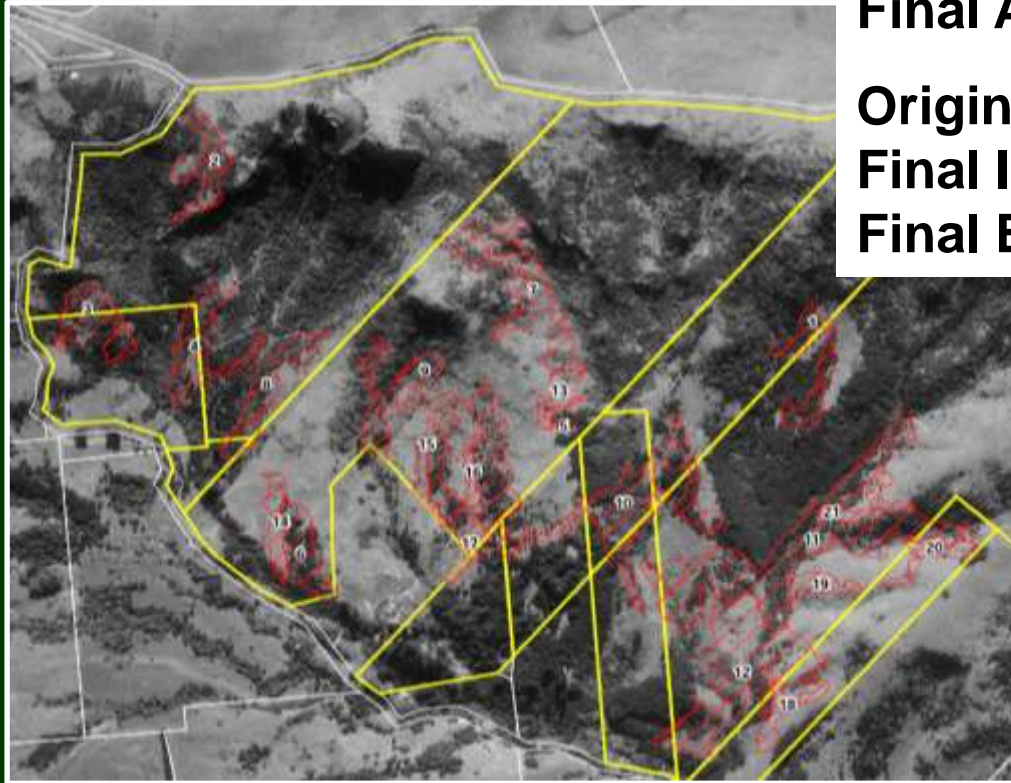




# Destructive sampling involved



# No guarantee of success



## Final Assessment Summary:

<b>Original Submitted Area:</b>	<b>29.39 ha</b>
<b>Final Ineligible Area:</b>	<b>29.39 ha</b>
<b>Final Eligible Area:</b>	<b>0.00 ha</b>



# Perverse outcomes

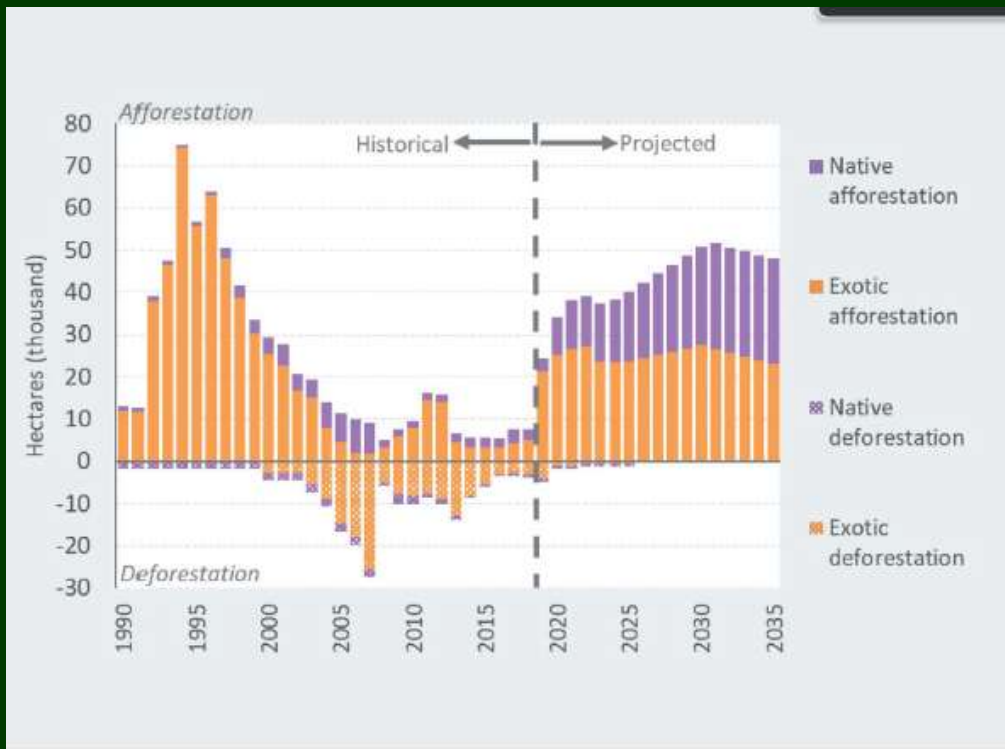




# Opportunities being lost



# 25,000 ha p.a.target



# Context 25,000ha p.a target

Banks Peninsula  
is approximately  
100,000ha





# Policy Levers

## 1 Natural regeneration for landscape scale



# 2 Focus on marginal land



# 3 Make it easy to register in the ETS



- Base eligibility on a commitment to permanent native forest registered on the land title



- Start with simple averaging system
- Add sophistication later



# 4 Build MPI capacity



Engage staff with expertise in natural regeneration

# 5 Upfront grants



# 6 Discontinue perverse incentives





# Policy change summary

- **Move with urgency**
- **Financially incentivise natural regeneration**
  - **Base ETS eligibility on land-use change registered on title**
  - **Increase expertise in MPI on natural regeneration**
- **Grants for up front conversion costs**
- **Rethink the NES-PF**