



Weekly update on Cyclone Gabrielle recovery activity

Key Updates

- A temporary law change is being proposed to permit open-air burning of cyclone and flood waste in the Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti regions.
- An extension to the forestry emissions trading scheme (ETS) deadlines for those affected by the flooding events in Auckland and Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle was passed into law on 6 June. The extension will be applied automatically. [Find out if this applies to you.](#)
- As at 9 June, approximately 340,000m³ of silt has been collected, according to Hastings District Council.
- The opening of the Moeangiangi bailey bridge on 13 June has reconnected the rural community of Putorino.
- The Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forestry Service Science Research Panel is being established for the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Research Programme. All tender applicants have been notified of tender outcomes. Contracts are being sent to panel members, with the first set of research aims to be commissioned in July. We expect this panel to be of use for broader forestry and wood processing research.
- The Hawke's Bay Rural Advisory Group held its first Rural Recovery Workshop on Tuesday 13 June in Wallingford, bringing together industry experts to share information, advice, and support. The workshop was an opportunity for participants to hear from farming families with lessons learned from past adverse events.
- MPI attended the [Funding Q&A session for Horticulture Growers](#), hosted by Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Association following the [release of the silt funding by Hawkes Bay Regional Council](#).
- FirstMate is continuing to support the health and wellbeing of the seafood sector as it faces differing levels of uncertainty and impacts to operations due to the cyclone. FirstMate has applied to MPI for NIWE funding to expand seafood support services to cyclone impacted regions including Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay.
- Following the success of 'The Big Check-In' webinar, the Primary Sector Wellbeing Reference Group members will meet at Fieldays to discuss future initiatives for which they will prepare an expression of interest for the NIWE isolated and rural communities fund.

Engagement with the primary industries

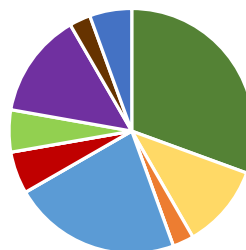
- Minister McAnulty met with the Tararua and Wairarapa Recovery Groups on Monday 12 May, as the Ministerial Lead for Cyclone Recovery in Tararua and Wairarapa.
- Thames-Coromandel District Council and the Ministry of Social Development have held several hui for stakeholders to meet and connect with MPI staff to discuss the NIWE funding.
- The community engagement process following provisional land categorisation is underway in Hawke's Bay. On Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 June, MPI represented government agencies at two community hui co-ordinated by local Hawke's Bay councils.



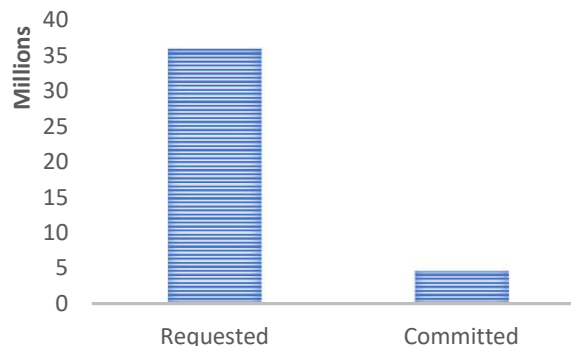
\$63.1 million paid in grant applications

As at 20 June 5,498 applications for farmer and grower recovery grants have been approved and paid, totalling \$63.1 million in value.

NIWE APPLICATIONS BY INDUSTRY



NIWE FUND PIPELINE



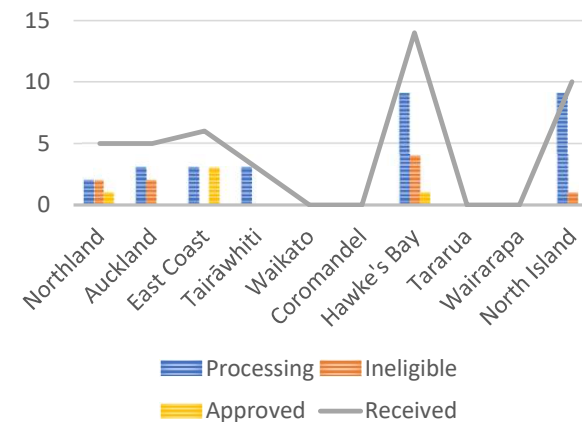
North Island Weather Event (NIWE) Fund

- The NIWE fund is available to support primary industry and rural community recovery. [Find out how to apply.](#)

Silt/Debris Fund

- There was a funding question and answer session with horticulture growers held online following the release of this fund. This session was recorded and is available online [How to apply for silt funding - HB Fruitgrowers' Association – YouTube.](#)

NIWE FUND APPLICATIONS BY REGION



On Farm Support recovery workshop with farmers in Hawke's Bay.