



## Weekly update on Cyclone Gabrielle recovery activity

### Regional Recovery Planning Across the Country

- The Waikato Primary Industry Adverse Events Cluster will discuss the region's recovery plan this week. The plan is currently split between Waikato and the Coromandel/Thames regions as the Coromandel is heavily reliant on repairs to State Highway 25A.
- The Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Plan will be presented to the Hawke's Bay Lead Recovery Minister, Hon Kieran McAnulty, by the end of June.

### Farmer trends around the country

- There are delays getting stock into meat processing plants in the Wairarapa as several plants have reduced capacity due to COVID-19. Back-logs are currently six weeks or longer.
- The National Feed Survey for April 2023 found that average pasture cover and growth rates across the North Island are tracking ahead of target, but the cyclone affected areas are heading into winter with below average quantities of supplement on hand. However, plenty of feed is available through the Feed Coordination Service, which has had 35 requests to date.
- Further heavy rain events in Northland over the past two weeks caused damage to farms and is increasing the psychological impact of the extreme weather events on farmers.



The public boat ramp at Mokotahi/Mahia beach filled with woody debris.



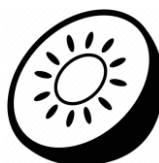
### 250,000m<sup>3</sup> of silt removed in Hawke's Bay

As at 22 May, the Silt Recovery Taskforce convened by Hawke's Bay Regional Council and the Hastings District Council has shifted 250,000m<sup>3</sup> of silt. This is around one-fifth of the total estimated silt to be removed in the region.



### \$61.4 million grant applications paid

As at 22 May, 5,358 applications for farmer and grower recovery grants have been approved and paid, totalling \$61.4 million in value.



### 35 million fewer trays in kiwifruit harvest this season

Zespri's latest crop estimate for this season's kiwifruit harvest is 136 million trays of fruit, 35 million trays less than last year. The recent extreme weather events have contributed to the slump in fruit volumes.



### \$34 million pre-tax loss expected for T&G Global

T&G Global has forecast a pre-tax loss of \$28 million to \$34 million this year, after assessing damage from Cyclone Gabrielle.



Further damage in Northland to a farm track – the bridge rails are all gone and damage to the abutments and some water lines have to be repaired.

### Key Updates

- MPI's Napier-based fisheries officers were able to travel to the Māhia Peninsula last week for the first time since Cyclone Gabrielle, as State Highway 2 between Napier and Wairoa has reopened. The officers captured the below photo, which shows woody debris at Māhia Peninsula creating access and safety issues for customary, recreational, and commercial fishers.
- Horticulture New Zealand [released guidelines](#) to assist Hawke's Bay growers with silt deposits on their properties and [to help manage accidental discoveries](#) during the removal process.
- To date, the Hawke's Bay Disaster Relief Trust has approved and paid \$2.3 million in funding to 4,900 applicants. This Emergency Relief Fund is a hardship grant that provides financial support to residents and ratepayers in the Hawke's Bay region who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.
- In Tararua, requests for support through the Rural Support Trust are increasing.
- The impact assessment carried out by Tararua District Council identifies the following key concerns from the region: roading, bridges, and continuity of telecommunications and power.
- Hawke's Bay councils, iwi, and industry bodies have cleared around 20,000 tonnes of woody debris and have established good working relationships that will allow the \$10.15 million woody debris fund to be delivered quickly to those in need.