

Background

The following funding has been provided to assist the recovery of whenua Māori from Cyclone Gabrielle in Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay:

- **Sediment and Debris Management Fund:** \$30 million to help manage sediment and debris on Whenua Māori affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay.
- **Woody Debris Fund:** \$2 million for short to medium term measures that limit the damage by further movement of woody debris from catchment systems on Whenua Māori affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in Tairāwhiti and the Hawke's Bay.

Sediment and Debris Management Fund

	Allocation	Committed	Proposals in development	Remaining
TOTAL	\$30.00m	\$5.995m	\$26.030m	-\$2.025m

Removal of Woody Debris Fund

	Allocation	Committed	Proposals in development	Remaining
TOTAL	\$2.00m	\$2.00m	\$0m	\$0m

Summary

- **Nineteen** projects to support the clean-up of whenua Māori have now been approved (with a combined value of **\$7.995m**). The largest contract value is **\$2.55m**. The average contract value is **\$0.491m**.
- **21%** of the applications approved involve whenua Māori that has particular cultural significance.
- **52%** of the applications approved are from a package or cluster of land blocks applying collectively.
- Demand for funding for sediment and debris management is strong, with **33** proposals in development (with a combined value of **\$26.030m**) and all allocated funds are expected to be committed as further proposals from collectives are expected in the future.
- The \$2m allocation for the removal of woody debris from whenua Māori has been committed. Engagement with landowners has identified significant unmet demand for funding support for the removal of woody debris.

Tairāwhiti

Projects Funded

Three Tairāwhiti projects have been approved this month through the Sediment and Debris Management Fund (a combined value of **\$0.414m**):

- The Proprietors of Arai Matawai have been supported with **\$0.116m** to clean up silt and debris on approximately 1835.73 ha across three land blocks under their administration at Arai Station in Tairāwhiti. The funding will be used to engage suitable contractors to remove silt and relocate to an established dump
- The Proprietors of Mangaheia 2D Incorporation have been supported with **\$0.235m** to assist with the clean-up of silt and debris, include hira of machinery to remove, rip and incorporate silt into sub soil.
- WharekakaD1 Trust have been supported with **\$0.064m** for the necessary machinery tolls and resources to clear sediment from drains and re-establish the natural drainage and waterways, cultivate the silt of flat land and re-sow the soil, and restore access by remove silt and debris from fences and gates.

Proposals in Development

- The allocation for the management of woody debris in catchments on whenua Māori was fully committed in September.
- There are **19** proposals for the management of sediment and debris on whenua Māori currently in development, with an estimated combined value of **\$15.874m**.

Hawke's Bay

Projects Funded

Three projects have been approved this month in Hawke's Bay through the Sediment and Debris Management Fund (a combined value of **\$1.364m**)

- The Proprietors of Ohuia Block have been supported with **\$0.047m** to remove silt and sediment from 10 kilometres of their drainage system.
- Bostock New Zealand Limited on behalf of the Omaha 2M1B, Omaha 2N2, and Omaha 2M3 blocks have been supported with **\$0.02m** to secure contractor Everfresh Limited to assist with the clean-up of gravel and silt on approximately 3.5ha affected areas.
- Te Tumu Paeroa have been supported with **\$1.297m** to progress the first tranche of sediment clean up and management activities across six clusters of land blocks where Te Tumu Paeroa are the responsible trustee. Work will address damage on 15 land blocks that total 305ha and will include clearing silt and sediment, clearing 1.9km of open drains, realigning streams back to their original channels, levelling and recontouring silt affected whenua to support reinstatement of productive cropping operations.

Proposals in Development

There are **14** proposals in development, with an estimated combined value of **\$10.157m**.