

Soils

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Objective - The physical and biological condition of soils is maintained or improved in order to minimise the movement of sediment, phosphorus and other contaminants to waterways.

Target 1 - Farming activities are managed so as to not exacerbate erosion.

Target 2 - Farming practices are implemented that optimise infiltration of water into the soil profile and minimise run-off of water, sediment loss and erosion.

Point Source

Objective - The number and location of pits are managed to minimise risks to health and water quality.

Target 1 - All on-farm silage, offal pit and rubbish dump discharges are managed to avoid direct discharges of contaminants to groundwater or surface water.

Water Body

Objective - Wetlands, riparian areas and the margins of surface waterbodies are managed to avoid damage to the bed and margins of the water body, and to avoid the direct input of nutrients, sediment, and microbial pathogens.

Target 1 - Stock are excluded from waterbodies in accordance with regional council rules or any granted resource consent.

Target 2 - Vegetated riparian margins of sufficient width are maintained to minimise nutrient, sediment and microbial pathogen losses to waterbodies.

Target 3 - Farm tracks, gateways, water troughs, self-feeding areas, stock camps wallows and other farming activities that are potential sources of sediment, nutrient and microbial loss are located so as to minimise the risks to surface water quality.

Target 4 - Mahinga kai values are protected as a result of measures taken to protect and enhance water quality and stream health.

Records/Evidence you can keep:

- Soil compaction check.**
- Animal movement record.**
- Winter grazing plan**
- Riparian planting plan.**
- Receipts for planting/fencing/troughs.**
- Invoices for recycling, rubbish or stock removal off farm.**
- Evidence of good practice which cannot be seen.**