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Exploring Collaborations Supporting Pastoral Farmers Undertaking Indigenous Biodiversity Management On-Farm.

This study aims to explore the practices, people and networks involved in implementing indigenous biodiversity management on pastoral farms in Aotearoa New Zealand. The study is expected to result in practical recommendations for supporting Aotearoa New Zealand's pastoral farmers to integrate indigenous biodiversity management into their farming systems. These recommendations will be based on the insights and experiences of farmers, which will ensure that they are practical, relevant and useful.

Participating farmers will be asked about their farm, their indigenous biodiversity management practices, what support is available, what the challenges are, and also what their aspirations are for their farms.

Angela Parkin, is a PhD candidate at Massey University, and is conducting this research to increase understanding and awareness of the practical implications of implementing indigenous biodiversity management on-farm. The research will be conducted over three years and will consist of three stages. The first stage is a nationwide survey of pastoral farmers, the 2nd stage consists of interviews and informal conversations with farmers who have undertaken indigenous biodiversity management, and the final stage will be in-depth case studies of successful collaborations resulting in integration of indigenous biodiversity management within pastoral farm systems in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Your rights as a participant

Participation in the research is voluntary. Data collected will be retained by Angela Parkin (Researcher) in a secure online database. All identifiable information gathered will be kept confidential and will not be linked to responses when sharing the findings of the research.

If you decide to participate, you have the right to:

- decline to answer any question;
- withdraw from the research at any time;
- ask questions about the research;
- be given a summary of the research findings.

This research would not be possible without your generosity, sharing your time, knowledge and experience, and it is greatly appreciated and respected.

[Link to survey](#)

If you would like more information about this research please contact:

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If you have any concerns about the conduct of this research, please contact Angela's research supervisors:

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This research project has been evaluated by peer review and judged to be low risk. Consequently, it has not been reviewed by one of the University's Human Ethics Committees. The researcher(s) named above are responsible for the ethical conduct of this research. If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of this research that you want to raise with someone other than the researcher(s), please contact Massey University Human Ethics by email: humanethics@massey.ac.nz

CONSENT FORM

I have read and understood the Information Sheet and I understand that I may ask further questions or withdraw from the study at any time.

Please indicate below if you consent to participating in the study:

☐ I understand that participation is voluntary, and would like to participate

☐ I do not consent, I do not wish to participate

Signature:

Date:

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Full Name:

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About the Researcher



I whānau mai āhau ki Tāmaki-makaurau. I whakatipu ahau ki te wao nui o Tiriwā. Enagri he hononga kaha ahau ki ko Oratia te awa, ko Waitematā whanga, ko Kaipara te moana, ko Mānuka-o-Hotunui whanga. Ko Angela Parkin tōku ingoa.

I live in Auckland with my family, and was raised in the Waitakere Ranges, in the rohe of Te Kawerau ā Maki, where I still reside. I feel connected to the landscape and the Oratia Stream that flows through to the Waitematā Harbour. My work as an advisor contributes to improving the health of the Kaipara Harbour and my spirit is nurtured by the Mānukau Harbour.

When not in the forest or out on the water I spent my formative years on farms in the Auckland and Waikato regions. This is when my love of farming life and people was fostered. My research aims to be guided by farmers, to shine a light on their perspectives and experiences in order for the farming community to inform the development of better ways of supporting farmers as stewards and kaitiaki of the land.