

# Riparian Planner

## Supporting Farmers and Farm Planning

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## Today's seminar will cover...

- The Riparian Planner – what?
- Context and Background – why?
- Development of Riparian Planner – how and who?
- Where are we now?
- Data sharing with Riparian Planner
- Further opportunities – carbon and biodiversity
- Questions





## Riparian Planner - the vision



Simple to use

Web-based

Farmer-focussed

Less talk – more action

Improve water quality

Free to use



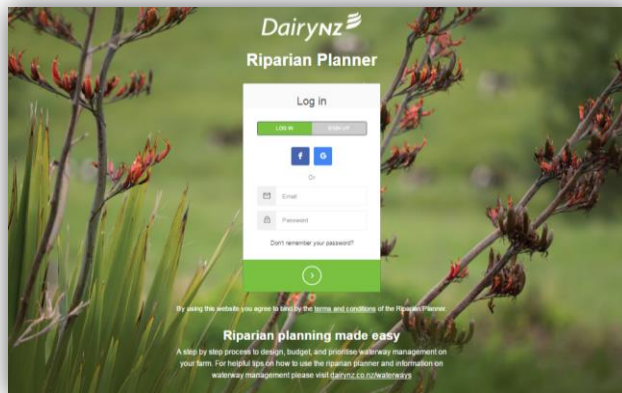
# The What...

The **Planner** = tool for farmers & advisors, to adopt GFP

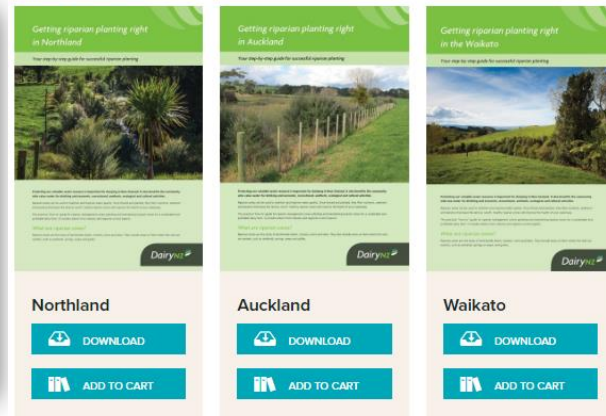
**Origins** = voluntary & riparian only (e.g., Water Accord 2013)

**Now** = regulatory & voluntary mix of riparian & land (e.g., NPS-FM, Clean Water)

**Still GFP, still water quality objective(s)**



## Riparian guides



## Step 1

Plan it out ("Riparian Planner")

## Step 2

Get stuck in ("Planting Right")

# What is **Good Farming Practice**?

## **Barriers** to avoid...

- Not prioritising ▶
- Not budgeting ▶
- Attempting too much ▶
- Fixed setback ▶
- Wrong plants, wrong spacing ▶
- Generic ▶
- Paper-based (easy to lose, quickly out-dated, wasted effort) ▶



## ... by creating a **Plan**

- Target **critical sources**
- Budget** (\$\$\$, plants, m's)
- Spread** the **effort** (5-years)
- Vary setback** with priority
- Regionally** consistent, **zoned**
- Tailored** to farm & user
- Digital** (secure, online, easily updated & able to be shared)





# A practical example of GFP



## Seepage wetlands NIWA/DNZ

- Ideal mitigation for N-loss
- N-reductions ~75-98% of mass (load) and concentration
- Performance reliant on stock-exclusion & planting “lower bank”
- Actions = exclude stock, plant & maintain

# Approach

Actively developed with/for regional councils and land managers.

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Nationally consistent, regionally-tailored guidance.



## With Industry & Regulator Collaboration/Integration

**Value Proposition** – urgent demand for simple, accessible and riparian-focussed farmer tool without the complexity or cost

**Vision for Planner** – A farmer-friendly and -driven tool which promotes on-farm actions that reduce contaminant loss to waterways by surface pathways

**Long-term Strategy** – unlock the potential of data to support decision making by feeding into Industry & Commercial whole-farm planning (e.g., adoption supported by data-integration)

# Principles



**Partnership**

**Shared goals**

**Co-innovation**

**Collaborative intent**





# Principles



- **Partnership** - Manaaki Whenua and DairyNZ 2015
  - Chance conversation
- **Shared goals** for water quality outcomes for NZ
  - Sustainable Water Accord
  - Water quality improvements
  - Understanding ecosystem services - agricultural land use context



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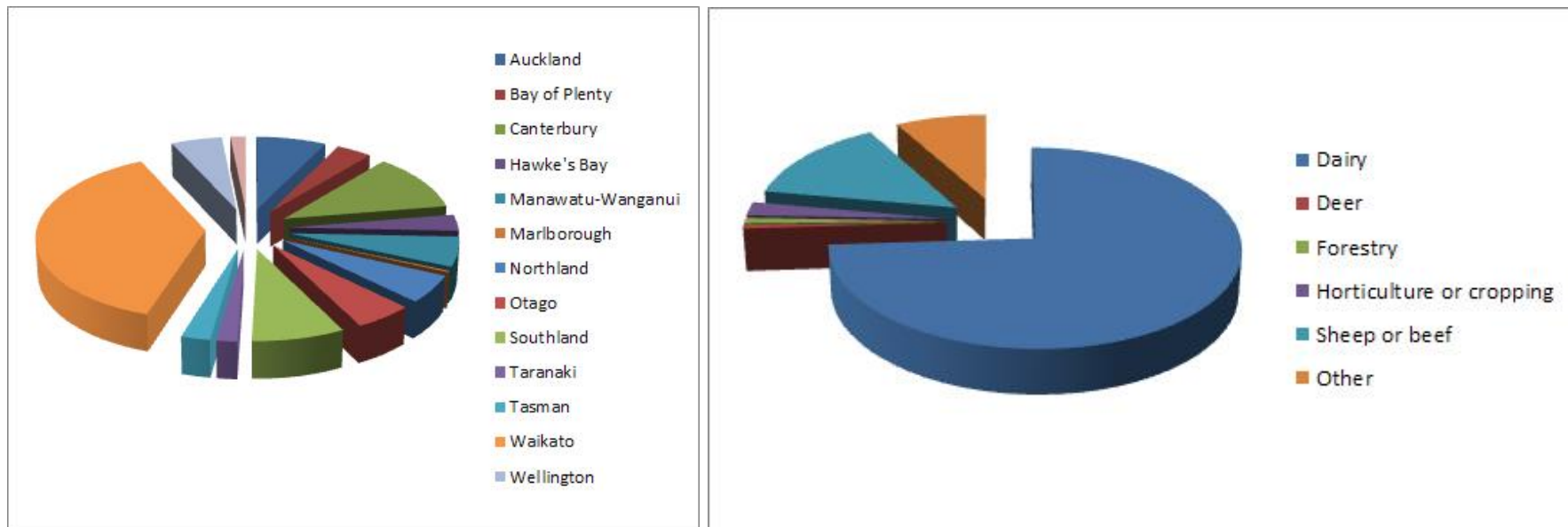
- **Co-innovation** to explore needs and develop the Riparian Planner
  - Design thinking and agile approach
  - Aims: simple, easy to use, farmer-friendly, beyond diary
- **Collaboration** - widen the appeal & input
  - NZ Association of Resource Management
  - Northland Regional Council, and particularly Greater Wellington Regional Council
  - Dairy companies, B&L
  - RC Land Managers Group
  - Wairoa Healthy Waters project
  - 2018 National Agricultural Field days

# The Planner Process





# Riparian Planner Uptake



- Continued, steady uptake since launch (voluntary)
- 40-50 new users per month (annual use)





# Riparian Planner Promotion

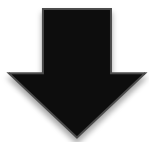


- Promotion by DairyNZ, dairy companies & regional councils
- Future driven by regulators and companies (regulatory)



# Value to DairyNZ, LCR & Users

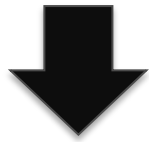
Adopting land &  
riparian GFP



**Improved water  
quality &  
reduced risk to  
farm business**



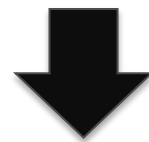
Integration with  
whole-farm & scenario  
planning tools



Clear **pathway** to  
more advanced  
**Industry &  
Commercial** tools



Uptake of new,  
robust science



**Consistent** user  
experience &  
**meaningful  
reporting**





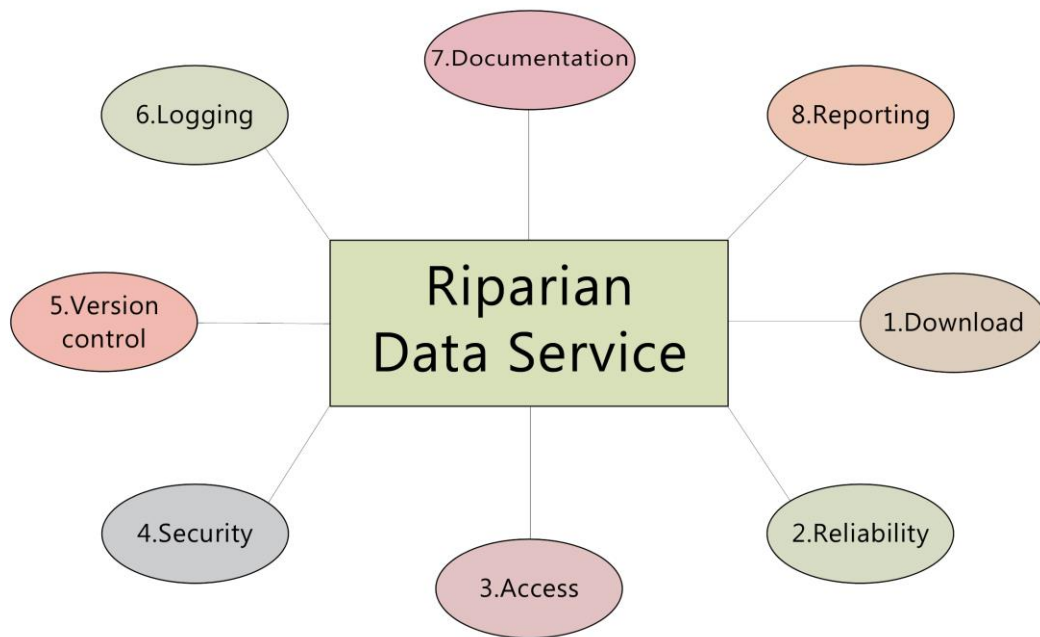


**“Adoption of Riparian Planner is currently handicapped by the inability to directly access the data and re-use it for regulatory and other planning needs.”**



## Data Sharing

- Conversations with stakeholders around the country
- User controls when and where their plan is shared
- Standards based approach
- Data is where the value lies
- One time data entry for multiple re-use





**What are your data sharing needs and experiences?**

# Riparian Management to Optimise Outcomes: from farm to national scale

1. Monitoring
  2. Impacts
  3. Application in primary sector
- Water Quality and Biodiversity
  - Mātauranga Māori
  - Interoperability with multiple platforms

MBIE Proposal submitted March 2018 (with NIWA and ESR)





## Future Opportunities

Water Quality

Carbon

Biodiversity







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## Questions and discussion