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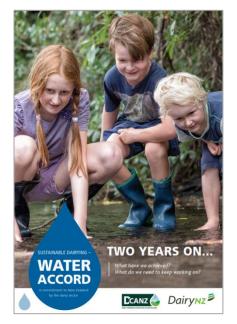
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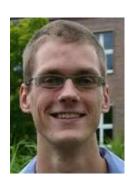


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Next steps for fresh water SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

Economic costs and environmental benefits of riparian restoration in New Zealand



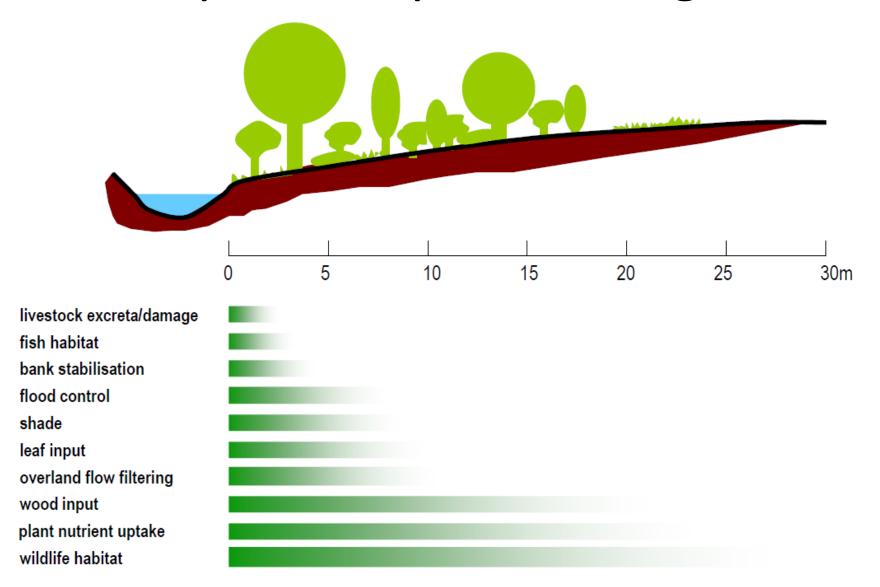




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Impact of riparian margins



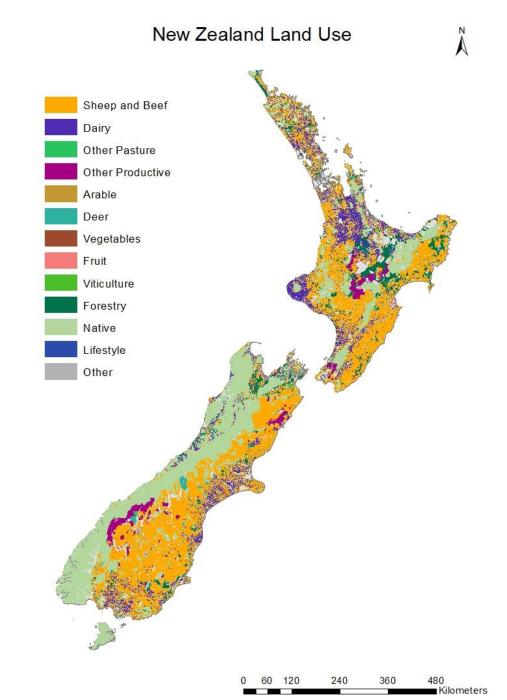
Source: Dosskey et al. (1997) How to Design a Riparian Buffer for Agricultural Land. Agroforestry Notes

Methodology - baseline

- Spatially explicit baseline estimates:
 - Land use
 - Land productivity and stock numbers
 - Net farm revenue
 - Environmental impacts

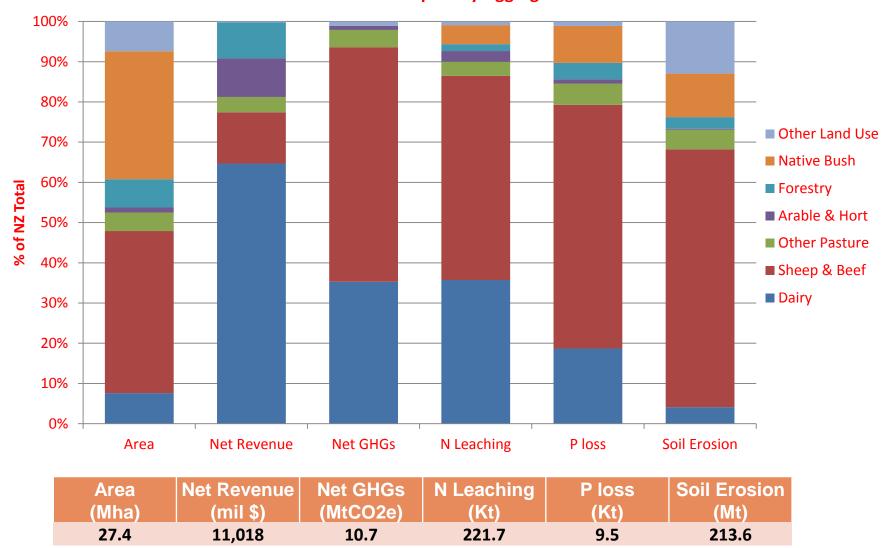
New Zealand Land Use

Total area: ~27 million ha



Baseline estimates

Percent of Baseline Outputs by Aggregated Land Use



Methodology – riparian margins

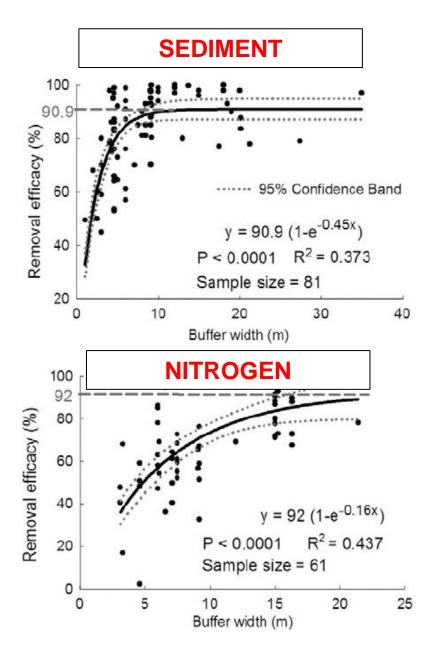
Overlay of agriculture and streams/margins

- > 508,000 km of streams in NZ
 - $^{\sim}$ 348,000 km on productive land
 - 5, 10, 20, and 50m margins on all such streams

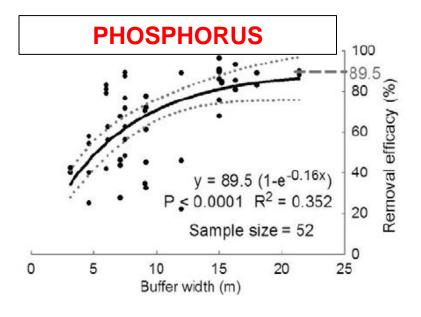
- Cost and impact mitigation
 - Sensitivity analyses

Riparian margin costs

Cost Component	Low	Medium	High
Fence (pastoral; per m stream)	\$2	\$8	\$16
Water supply (pastoral; per paddock)	\$100	\$250	\$500
Revegetation (per ha)	\$0	\$300 \$1,000	\$1,000 \$5,000
Opportunity cost	0%	50%	100%

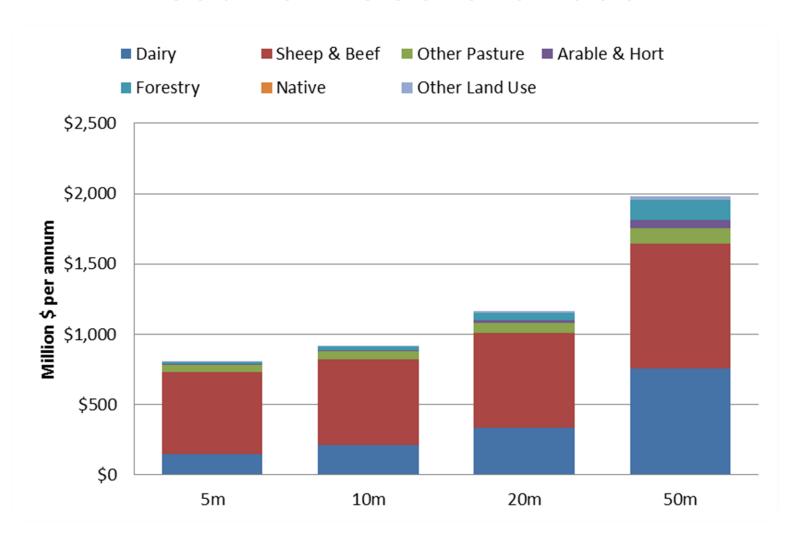


Margin width and mitigation effectiveness



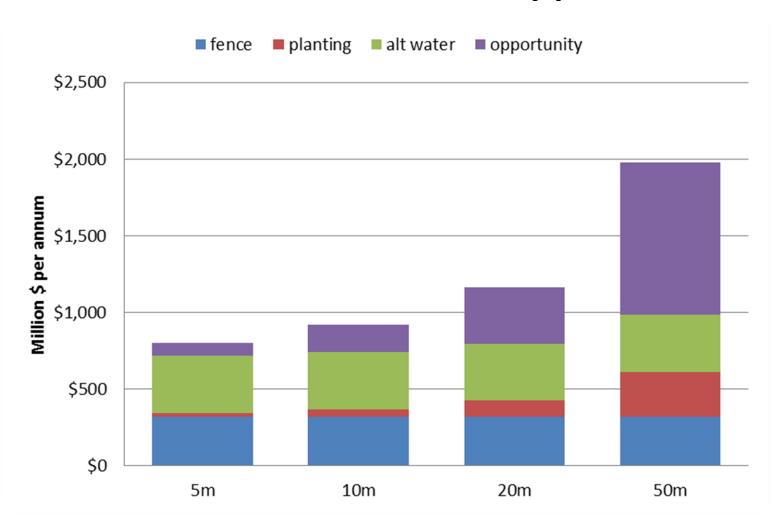
Source: Zhang et al. 2010. J of Env Quality.

Results – Sectoral cost

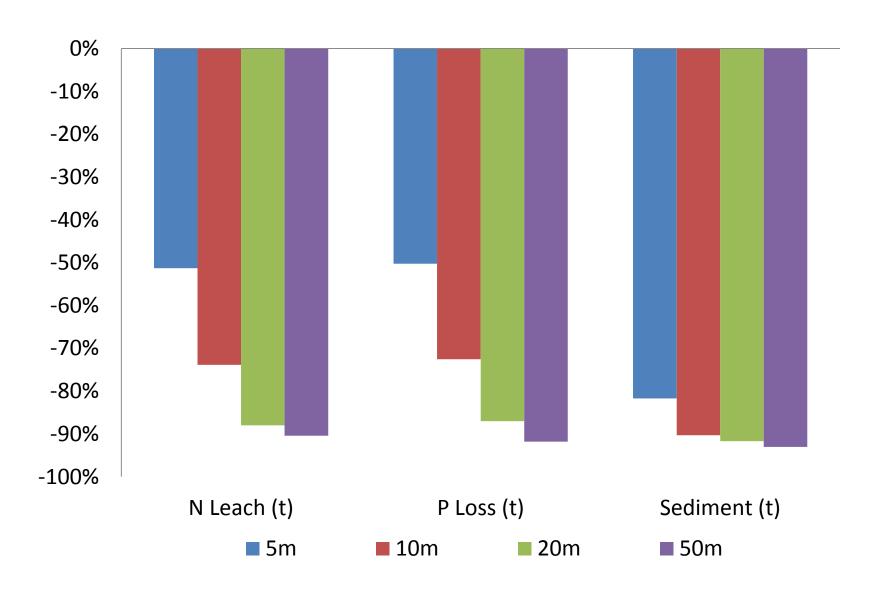


A 7-17% reduction in net farm revenue

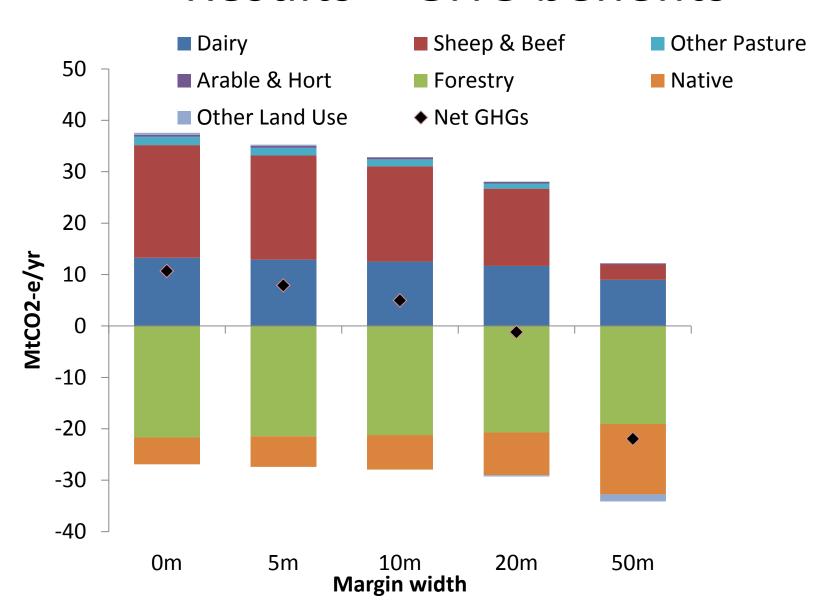
Results – Cost type



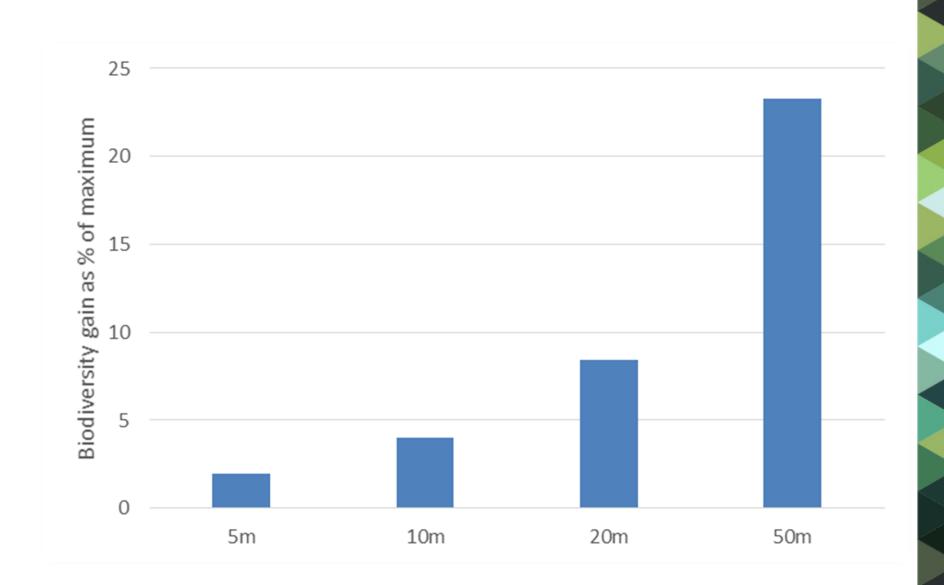
Results – water benefits



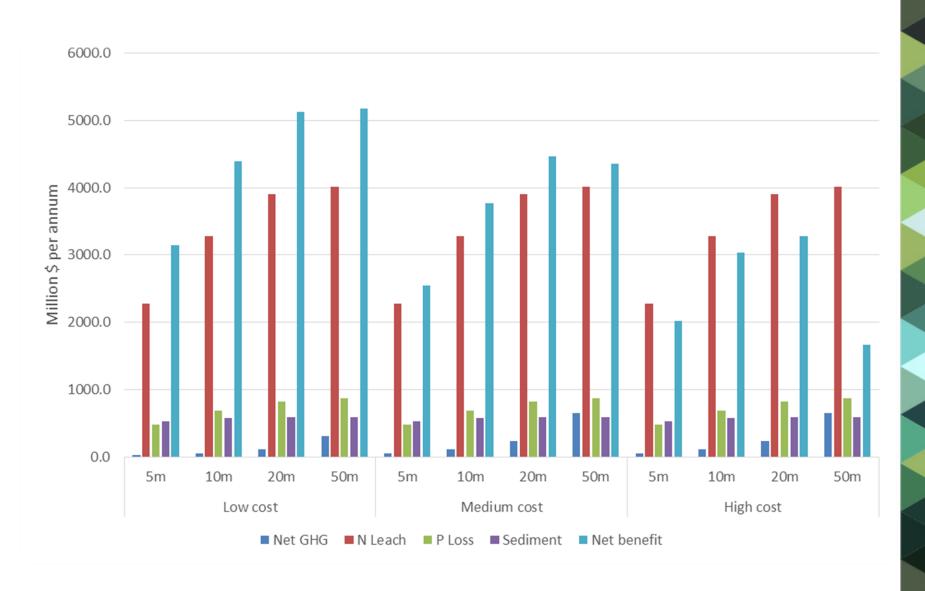
Results – GHG benefits



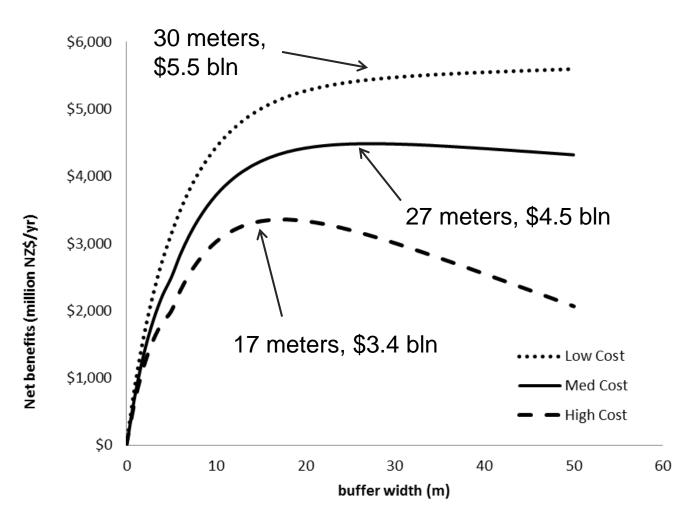
Results – biodiversity



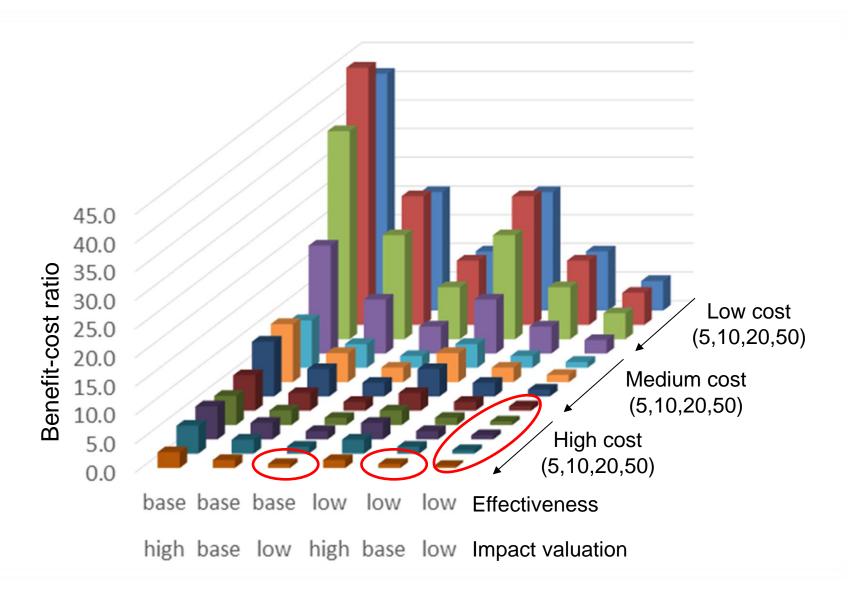
Results – net benefits



Results – Optimal margin



Results – Sensitivity analysis



Summary

- Total cost of \$0.8 to \$1.9 billion per year
 - **–** ~ 7-17%

- S&B and Dairy to face costs
 - Regional variation

- Positive welfare impacts are very likely
 - \$1.7 \$5.2 bln / year
 - Non-market benefits!

Refinements

- Existing fencing and margins^a
- Slope^b, soil type, ...
- Improved biodiversity and cultural value

Spatial optimisation with budget constraints

^a DairyNZ, DCANZ 2015. Sustainable dairying water accord: two years on. DairyNZ and DCANZ.

^b MfE 2016. Next steps for freshwater: consultation document. Wellington, Ministry for the Environment

Thank you