

10. Project management

This section outlines the manner in which the Tiromoana Bush Restoration Project will be managed and the way in which its success will be assessed.

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A Canterbury Waste Services Ltd. staff member will have responsibility for day to day management of the land resources owned by Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, including the Kate Valley CMA. This person will have the responsibility to liaise with contractors involved in plant propagation and animal and plant pest control. This person will, with specialist input as required, prepare the report on the preceding years work and draft the work plan for the next years work. This person will also undertake monitoring, with specialist input as required, and will undertake regular inspections of fences, restoration plantings, and will maintain the public walking track and signage and other publicity information. It is also likely that this person will have a role in liaising with schools and scientists. The staff member involved is also likely to be responsible for management of the landscape management area and the general management area (including plantation forests), thus facilitating coordination in management activities across these different parts of the greater Kate Valley area.

10.2 Annual restoration plan

The restoration plan is the guiding document for restoration. It provides the overview of the approach that will be taken in restoration but is not a prescriptive document as it is difficult to predict in advance changing circumstances that might result as restoration proceeds or changing biotic and abiotic factors that might influence restoration. Annual restoration work plans will provide these prescriptive details. The restoration plan provides the general overview of the project while the annual restoration work plans will provide the detail on the specific actions that will be taken to implement the restoration plan.

10.3 Land tenure

Within the first year of the life of the Tiromoana Bush Restoration Project, Transwaste Canterbury Ltd will enter into an appropriate covenant (to the approval of the Hurunui District Council) to ensure the long-term legal security of the site. This covenant will outline the long-term vision for the Kate Valley CMA and will provide legal protection of the area in perpetuity.

10.4 Restoration review

An Advisory Group will be established at the outset of the Tiromoana Bush Restoration Project with the role of undertaking an annual review of all restoration activities over the previous year (including monitoring and research results) and approving the next years annual restoration work plan. This group will include experts in restoration and related sciences, and representatives from the local community, Hurunui District Council, Department of Conservation and Transwaste Canterbury Ltd. The Advisory Group will also suggest any changes to the main restoration plan as required and will undertake the review of this plan in ten-years time.

10.5 Public relations

Transwaste Canterbury Ltd are committed to making the restoration project and the results that arise from the restoration widely known. This is important for several reasons; because it enables ownership of the project by local communities, it permits transparency in terms of project management, and it allows sharing of the results that arise from the project with other restoration projects. It is proposed that information about the restoration project will be disseminated through a range of tools include information signs along the walking track (Section 7), newsletters and brochures. It is proposed to produce a newsletter on the project at least annually which will be sent to local residents, schools and to other people who have expressed an interest in the restoration. A brochure outlining the goals and approach of the project will also be produced and circulated to the same group, and additional brochures will be produced as the project proceeds. A web page will be established that provides regularly updated information on the project including copies of all plans and reports relating to the project.