

Te Tai Tokerau Māori Forestry Collective

The Growth Study identified the significance of Māori, Iwi and Hapu as partners and co-investors in many of the opportunities for growth – including forestry.

The Growth Study also identified potential significant employment growth across industries and establishing career pathways in those industries.

Te Tai Tokerau Māori Forestry Collective harnesses these growth opportunities to achieve prosperity and wellbeing for Northland people, by Northland people.

How it works:

- The Collective is made up of nine Māori Freehold Land Trusts and 12 strategic partners that include industry, Iwi, central government, banks, training providers and the private sector.
- Together, the Collective will embark on a 49 week programme, replanting 813 hectares of land in forest.
- The purpose of the programme is to test the collective concept before raising a business case to secure investment to develop the full 32,000 hectare of Māori land.

Outcomes include:

- Sustainable use of Māori land – trees in the ground.
- Moving away from the 'norm' for the forestry industry and Māori land management - the new approach will influence responsible decision making for the future.
- Demonstrates that working together can produce much better results for our community – with jobs, income and better long-term use of the land.

- Increased incomes to households, employers, workers, business and organisations.
- Forestry skills and knowledge obtained through the Collective's partnership with NorthTec.
- Economic benefit to Northland.

Total investment package for the 49 week programme

- Māori investment of \$1.2 million plus 813 hectares of land.
- Partner investment \$115,000.
- Ministry for Primary Industries and Te Puni Kokiri investment \$270,000.

