



### Sheep and Beef Farmers - Working for the Waikato



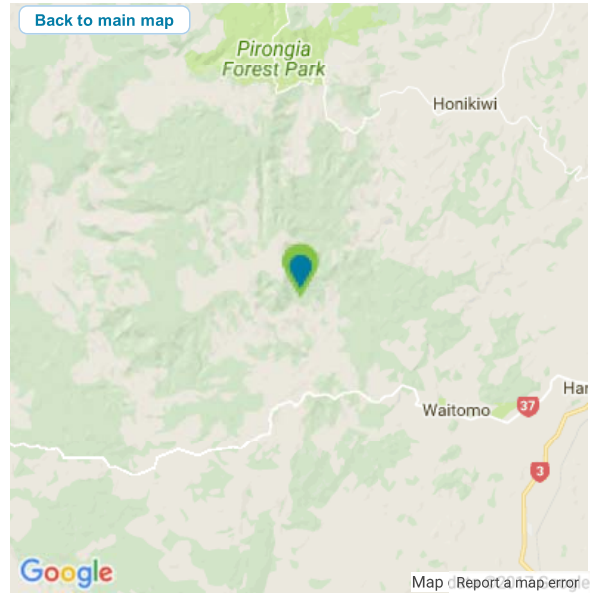
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A baseline project to link actions by sheep and beef farmers to environmental improvements in the catchment.

This project involves selecting a sub catchment in the lower Waikato that is predominated by sheep and beef farming. In this sub catchment the Waikato Institute of Technology will undertake an intensive water quality monitoring programme over a period of three years. This aims to collect real time data so farmers can link on farm actions to changes in water quality. at least 3 farmers in this catchment will undertake a level 3 Land and Environment Plan. Learnings from this sub catchment work will be communicated throughout the Waikato to sheep and beef farmers. In the wider lower waikato 9 Land and Environment plan workshops will be held aiming to achieve uptake of LEP level 1 by approximately 100 farmers over three years.

In the Waipa catchment 10 farmers will be identified to work through an LEP level 3. These farmers will champion the approach to others in the catchment. Beef + Lamb New Zealand will work closely with Waikato Regional Council throughout the project, particularly in the Waipa to optimise uptake of sediment reduction initiatives through farm plans and works subsidy payments. WRA 15-023.



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