

STANDARD COSTS AND ASSUMPTIONS

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The following standard costs have been assembled to assist applicants with their project budgeting. Figures are not absolute and should be used as a guide only.

FENCING	COST ESTIMATE (Incl. GST)	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
3 wire, permanent posts	\$ 6.90 per metre	Roughly \$2 per wire, excl GST
5 wire (with 2 electric)	\$ 12.00 per metre	This cost can range widely depending on location and topography. The range can be from \$10 to \$13 per metre excl GST.
7 or 8 wire post and batten on LUC 8 land	\$ 28.75 per metre	Equivalent to \$25 per metre excl GST
7 or 8 wire post and batten on all other LUC land	\$ 22 per metre everywhere except Central/Lower Waikato catchment where it is up to \$ 28.75 per metre	

Note: 'Future post' (www.futurepost.co.nz) is a new plastic post on the market. They are more expensive than timber posts to buy, and need a different approach to install. We recommend seeking a quote from a fencer if you are looking to install a fence using these posts.

PLANTING	COST ESTIMATE (Incl. GST)	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
Site preparation - standard site.	0.30 - 0.50 per plant	Will vary depending on the topography and location.
Native plant purchase (PB3) Revegetation (e.g. flax, cabbage tree, pittosporum, ribbonwood, hebe, etc).	4.30 – 4.60 per plant	Prices will be less for smaller grade species (e.g root trainer, T28). Mixing some quick growing, smaller grade species such as manuka into your planting mix can be a good way to keep overall costs down. Note costs exclude transport.
Native plant purchase (PB3) Long lived tree species (e.g. Totara, Kahikatea, Rimu).	5.75 – 8.50 per plant	Costs exclude transport
Native plant purchase (T28) (e.g. manuka or kanuka)	\$3.00 – \$3.40 per plant	This is a smaller grade of plant which many nurseries have available. Mass planting using this smaller grade is not usually recommended (except for fast growing hardy species such as manuka or kanuka) as they take longer to establish and require intensive weed management.
Manuka root trainer	\$1.50	Prices may be less for purchase commercial scale purchases.

Planting labour	\$1.50 - \$2.00	Costs represent different grades from T28 to PB3.
Releasing	\$0.57 per plant per release	WRA recommends budgeting for approximately 5 releasing events over 3 years. This assumes the site is weed free and well prepared prior to planting and quality native plants are planted at a minimum spacing of 1.5m apart.
Willow & poplar poles (3 m)	\$13.80 / pole	This is based on 2020 prices for poles being supplied to Waikato Regional Council.
Willow & poplar stakes	4.00	
Sleeve for a 3 m pole	\$7.00	
Planting labour for 2-3 m pole	\$12 / pole	Can vary depending on topography and access

PROJECT MANAGEMENT	COST ESTIMATE (Incl. GST)	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
Project management of very large projects (e.g. more than three types of work (such as riparian fencing, native planting and digger work) and 20+ landowners and stakeholders.	Up to 30% of the overall project cost (based on \$100/hr)	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General office overheads ○ Printing and stationery ○ Preparing reports and invoices to WRA ○ Procurement of resources for the project ○ Time spent paying project related invoices ○ Contractor management ○ Project planning and oversight ○ General vehicle mileage for PM related work ○ Health and Safety planning ○ Koha for hui ○ Incidentals such as equipment for community planting days, printing and stationery.
Project management of small and medium sized projects e.g. two different types of work (such as riparian management and fish passage remediation) and consultation with up to 10 landowners/stakeholder groups.	Up to 20% of the overall project cost (based on \$100/hr)	
Project management of small projects e.g. one type of work (such as riparian management) and consultation with up to 10 landowners and stakeholders.	Up to 15% of overall works cost (based on \$100/hr)	

For applications to WRA - if project management costs for the project are **greater than 10%** of the overall project budget **a break down of the estimated hours and cost per hour** associated with project management is required.

Project components such as consultation hui, wananga and community engagement are not considered project management, but rather part of project delivery, and should therefore be itemised separately from Project Management.