



Manaaki Whenua  
Landcare Research

# Ruamahanga Economic Catchment Model Results

*Suzie Greenhalgh, Adam Daigneault & Oshadhi  
Samarasinghe*

*27<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

# Sediment & on-farm mitigation

## Approach:

- Farm impacts – NZFARM modelling
- Farm systems based on Ag Research report
- Environmental impacts from Jacobs
- Regional impacts – multiplier for Wellington

# WWTP costs

## Approach:

- Based on Carterton DC estimates
- Extrapolated to other districts based on population
- Population estimates & projections from StatsNZ
- Assumed a linear relationship between costs & % discharge to land



# Water allocation

## Approach:

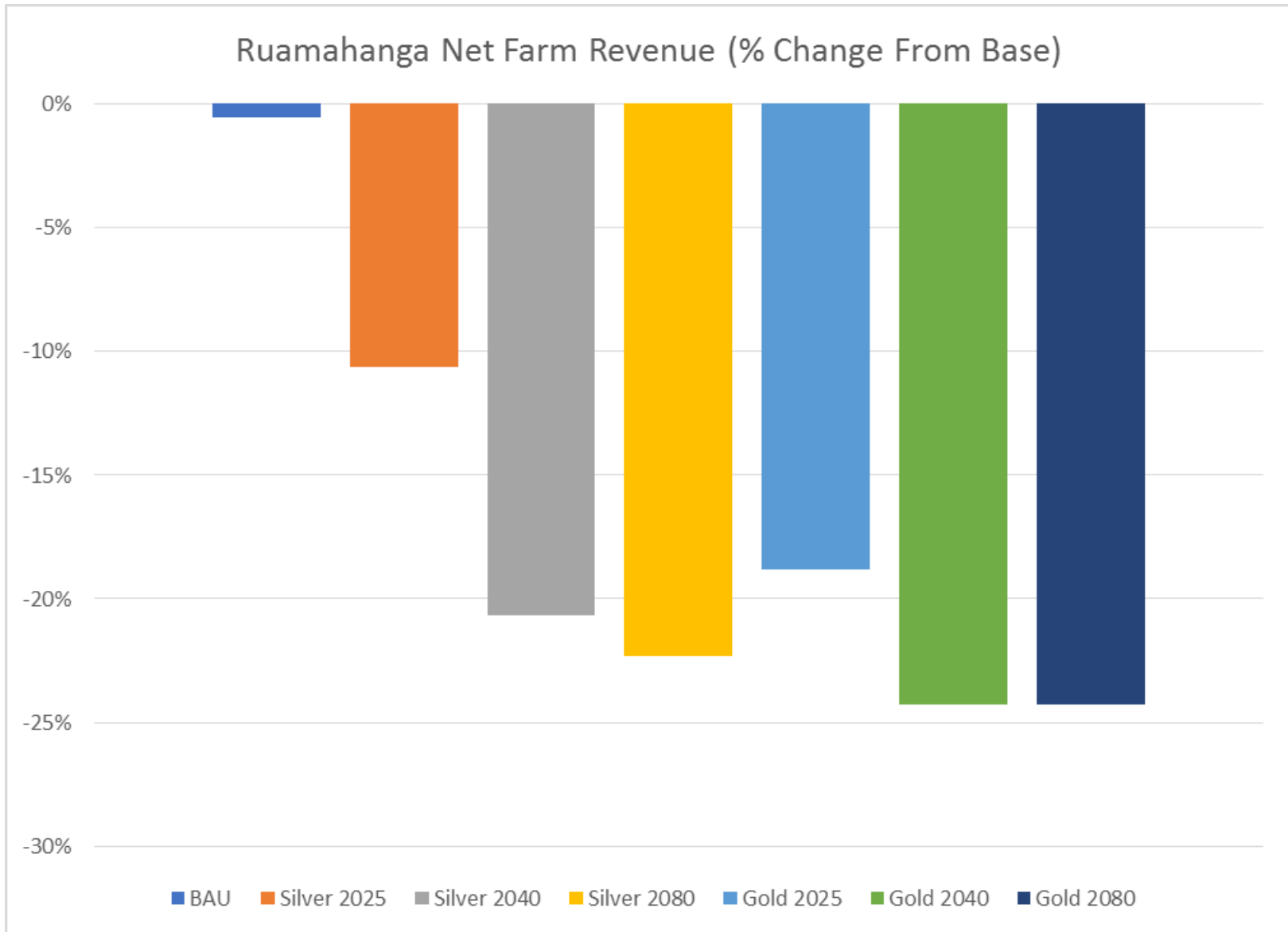
- Upper/middle Ruamahanga & Waipoua sub-catchments
- Used consents information from GWRC
- Reliability change estimates from increases in minimum flows from GWRC
- Impacts on cash operating surplus of changes in water supply reliability from Aqualinc
- Ag systems being irrigated was unknown – ran scenarios using average farm system & most intensive farm system



# Scenario Summary

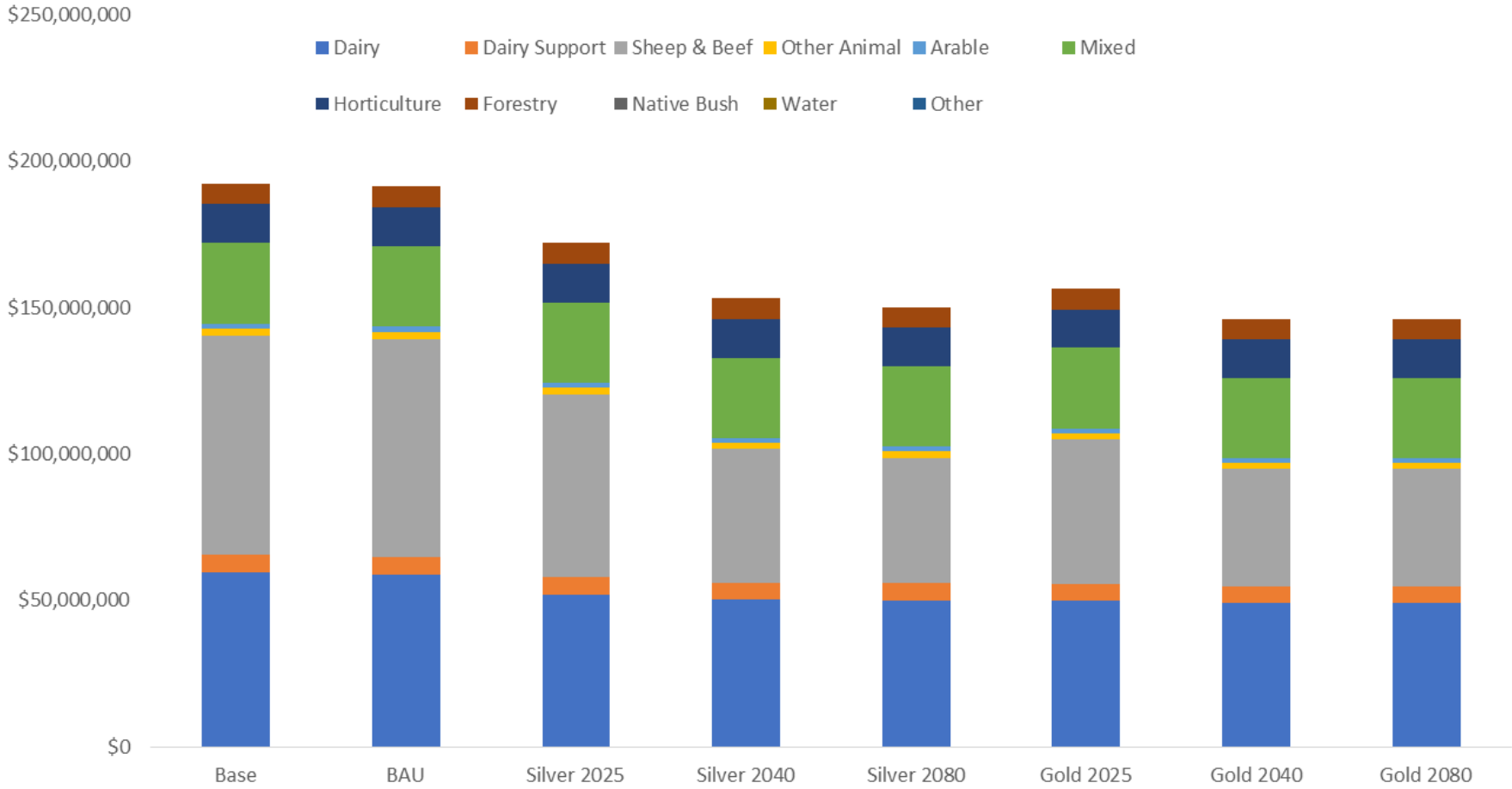
Mitigation option	BAU	Silver 2025	Silver 2040	Silver 2080	Gold 2025	Gold 2040	Gold 2080
Retirement of steep slopes	retire rate		X	X	X	X	X
Space planting on steep slopes	Planting rate	X	X	X	X	X	X
Additional riparian planting (+5m)					X	X	X
Stock exclusion	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WWTP discharge to land	Staggered	60%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Minimum flow and allocation set	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
On-farm mitigation options	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3

# Sediment & On-farm Mitigation



# Sediment & On-farm Mitigation

Ruamahanga Net Farm Revenue (\$/yr) by Land Use



**Silver**

**Gold**

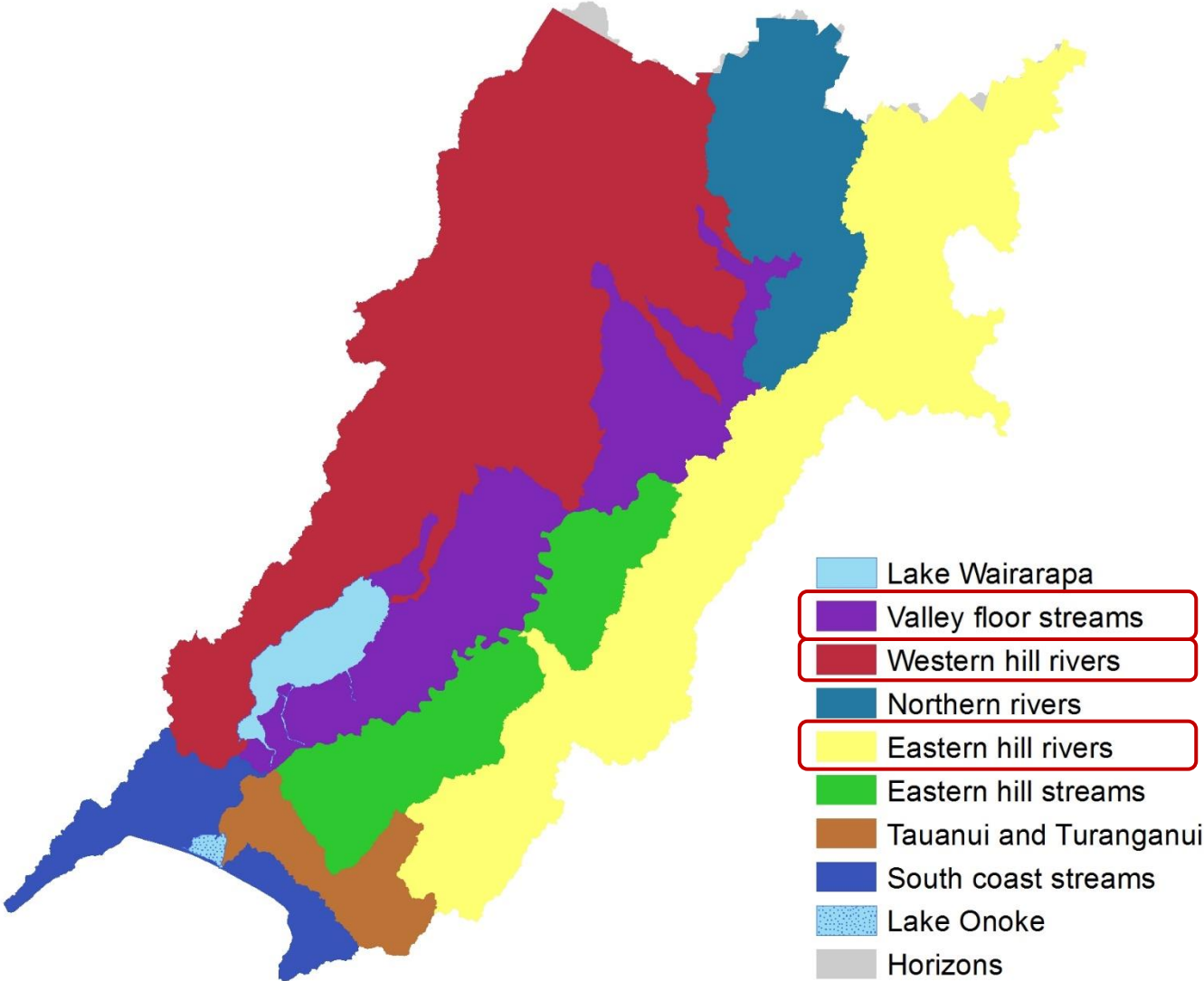
# FMU-level Net Revenues

FMU	Base Net Revenue (mil \$)	BAU	Silver 2025	Silver 2040	Silver 2080	Gold 2025	Gold 2040	Gold 2080
			% Change from baseline					
Eastern Hill streams	\$17.8	0%	-7%	-16%	-17%	-14%	-19%	-19%
Eastern hill rivers	\$43.5	-1%	-11%	-29%	-33%	-25%	-35%	-35%
Valley floor streams	\$44.3	-1%	-11%	-13%	-13%	-13%	-14%	-14%
Main stem Ruamāhanga R.	\$19.2	-1%	-9%	-13%	-13%	-12%	-15%	-15%
Lake Onoke	\$10.0	-1%	-10%	-21%	-20%	-18%	-22%	-22%
Western hill rivers	\$39.1	-1%	-12%	-21%	-23%	-20%	-25%	-25%
Northern rivers	\$18.4	0%	-13%	-31%	-34%	-28%	-36%	-36%
Not Specified	\$0.3	-1%	-12%	-48%	-37%	-15%	-39%	-39%
Entire Catchment	\$192.5	-1%	-11%	-21%	-22%	-19%	-24%	-24%

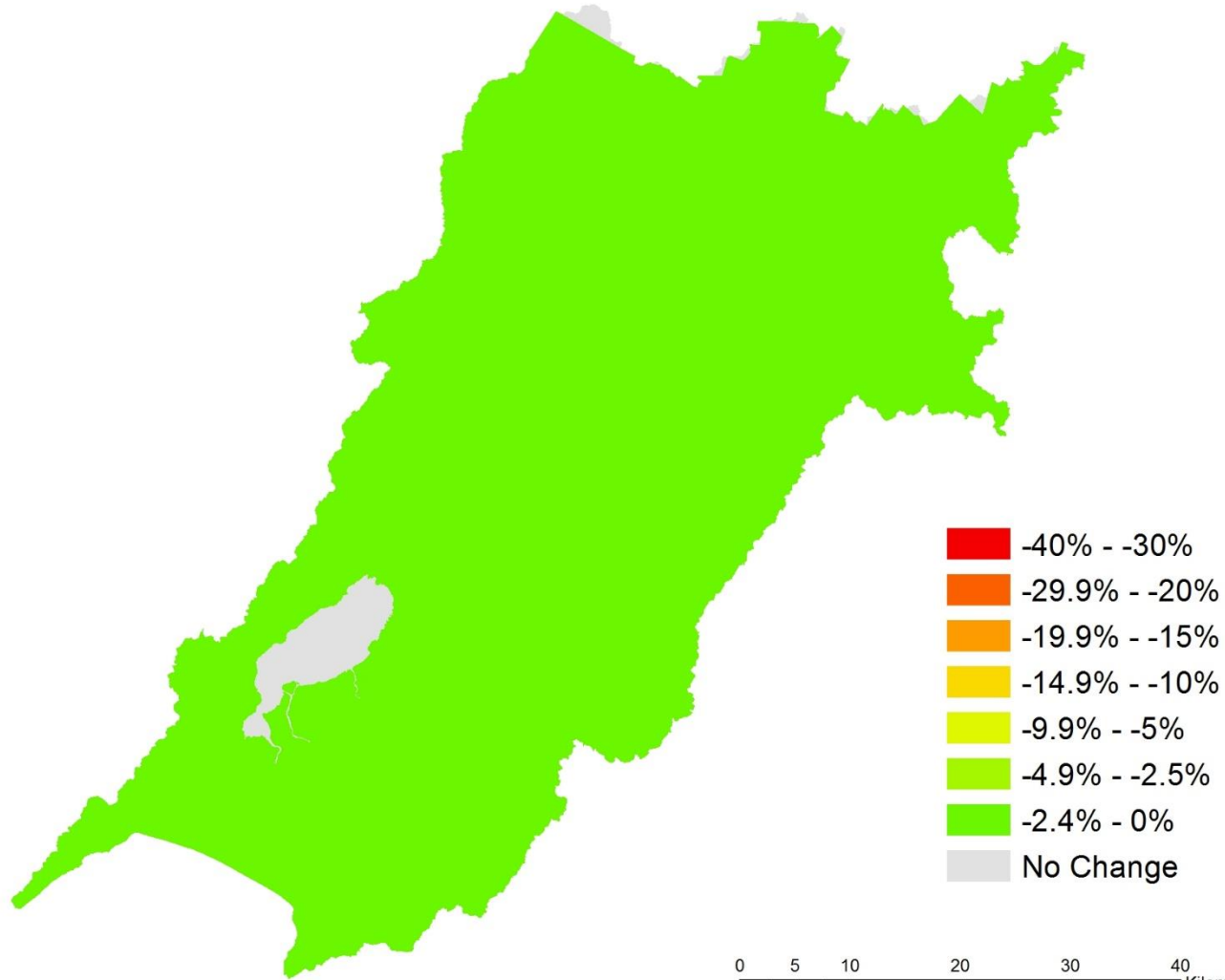
**The 3 FMU with biggest net revenue impacts from sediment & on-farm mitigation options**



Ruamahanga FMUs



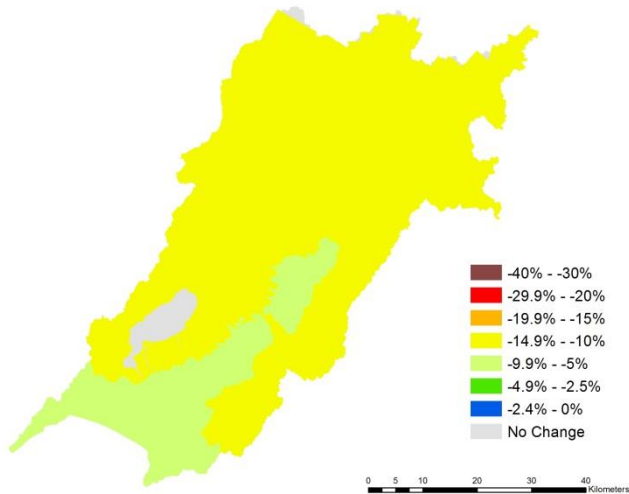
Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
BAU Scenario



0 5 10 20 30 40 Kilometers

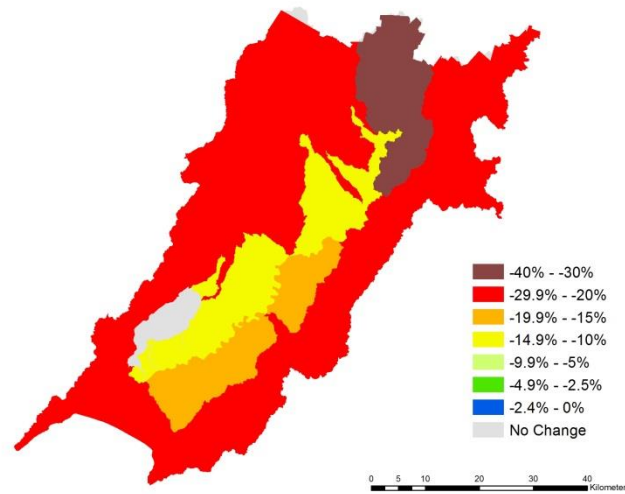
# Sediment & on-farm mitigation options – Silver Scenario

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Silver 2025 Scenario



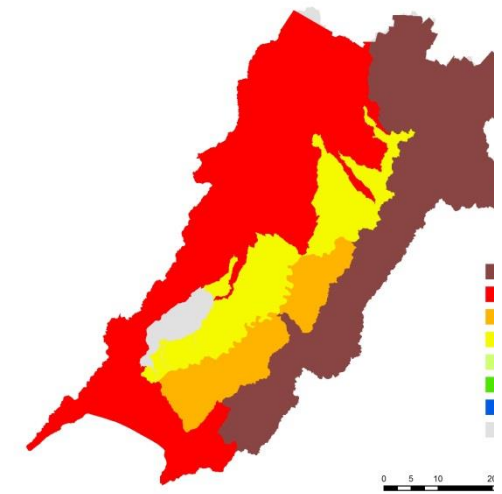
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Tier 1 mit. options

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Silver 2040 Scenario



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 2 mit. options

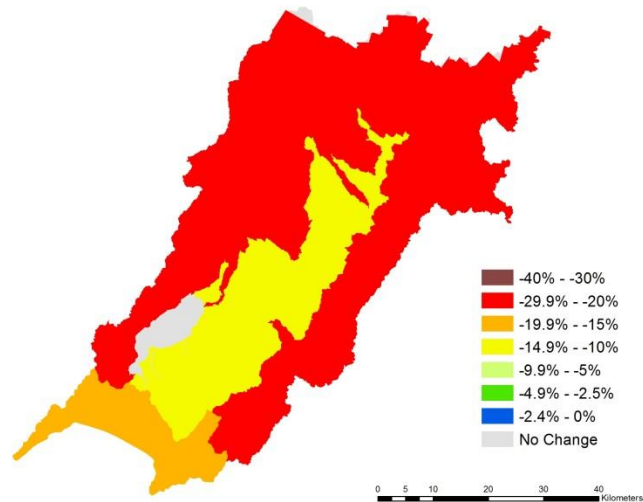
Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Silver 2080 Scenario



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 3 mit. options

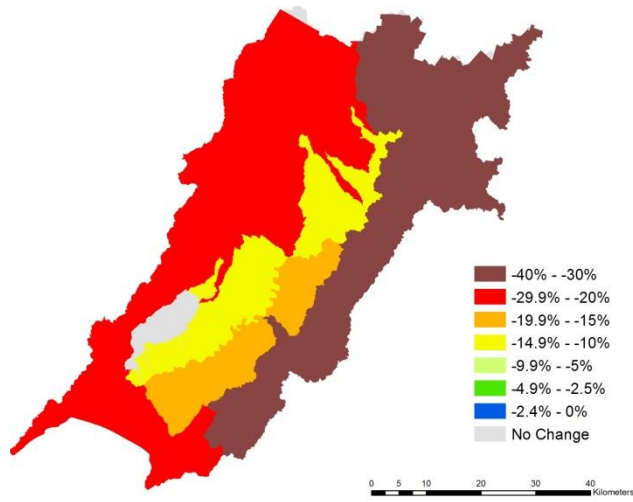
# Sediment & on-farm mitigation options – Gold Scenario

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Gold 2025 Scenario



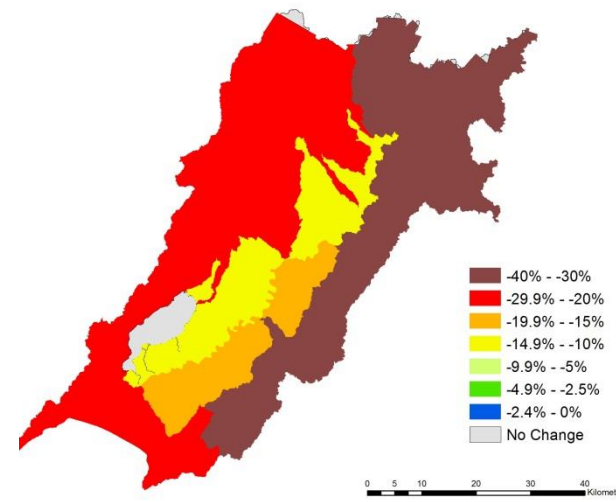
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 2 mit. options

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Gold 2040 Scenario



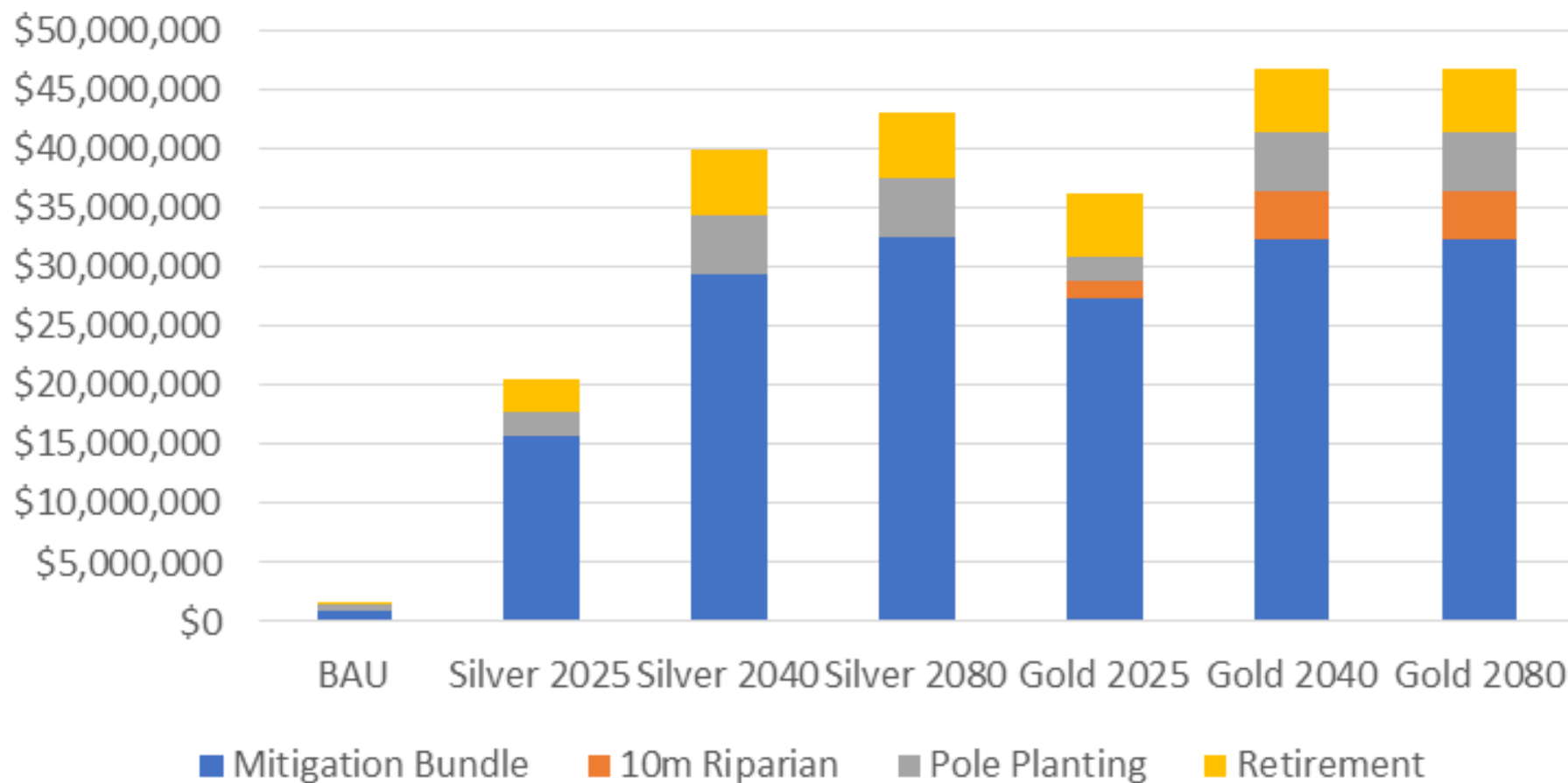
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Gold 2080 Scenario



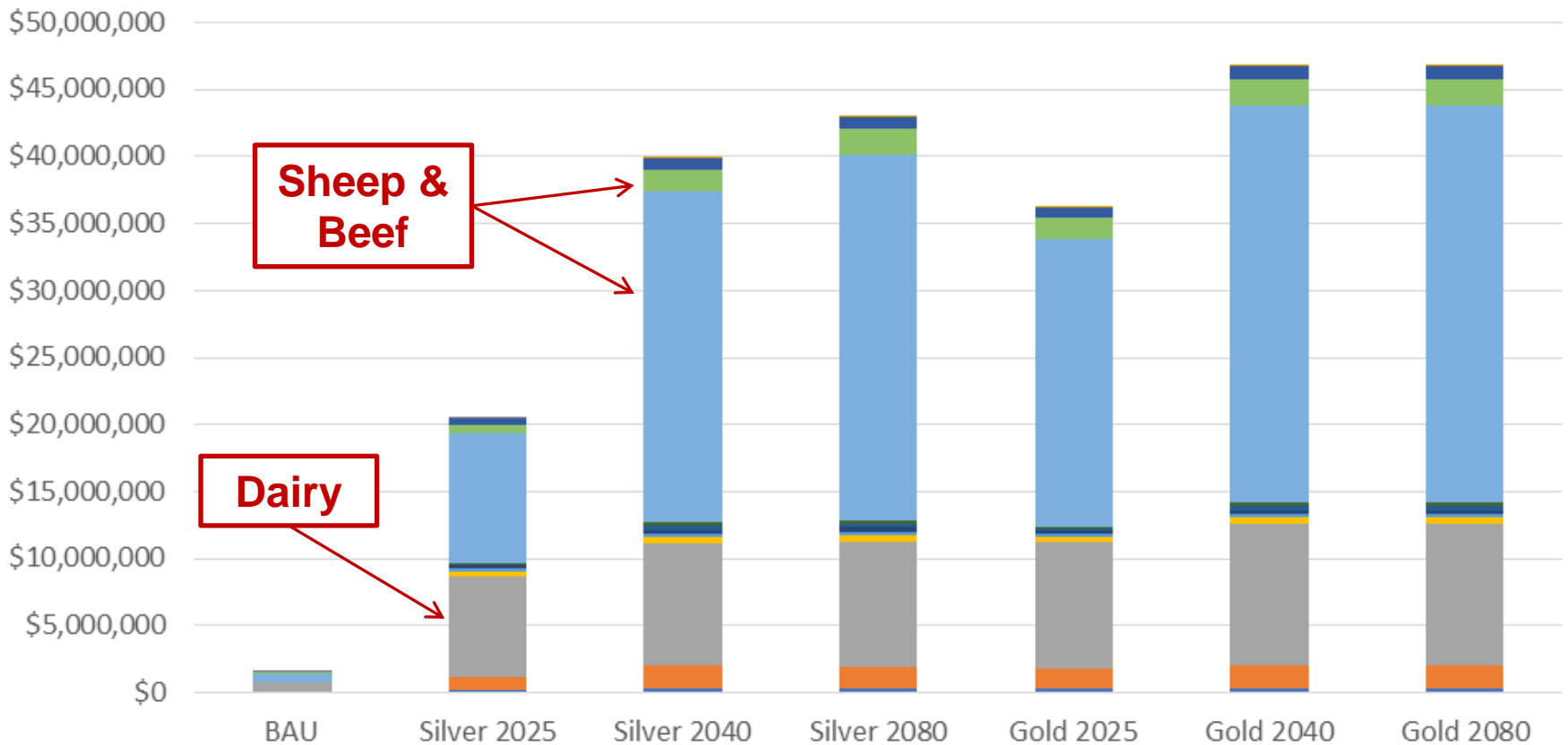
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options

## Scenario Cost by Mitigation Type (\$/yr)

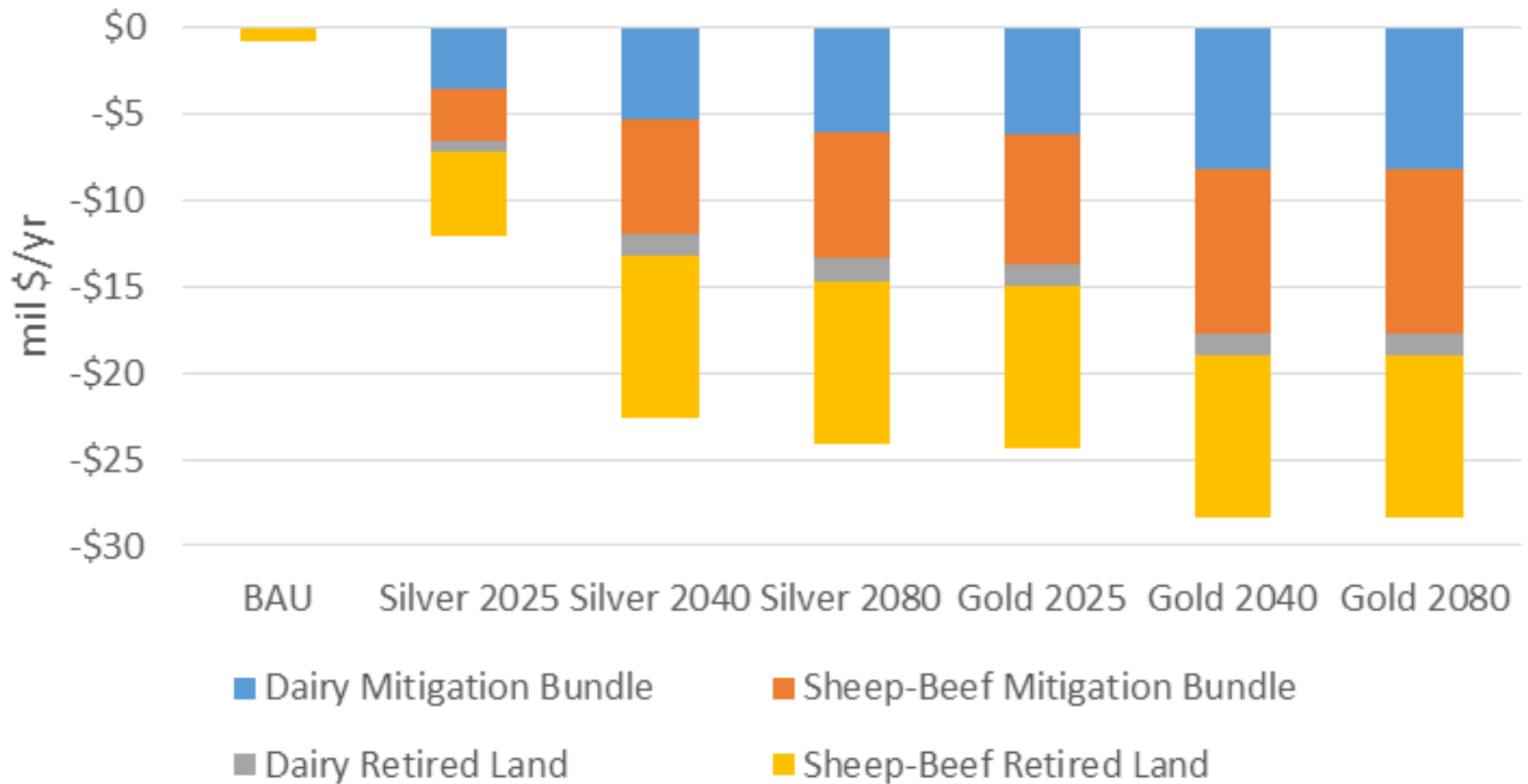


# Scenario Cost by Land Use (\$/yr)

- Arable
- Beef Farming
- Dairy Farming
- Dairy Support
- Deer Farming
- Equine
- Finishing
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Landuse
- Lifestyle
- Mixed
- Native Bush
- Poultry
- Recreation
- River
- Sheep and Beef Farming
- Sheep Farming
- Sheep and Beef Farming South-East
- Viticulture
- Urban
- Utility
- Waterway



## Change in Farm Gate Revenue by Mitigation Type



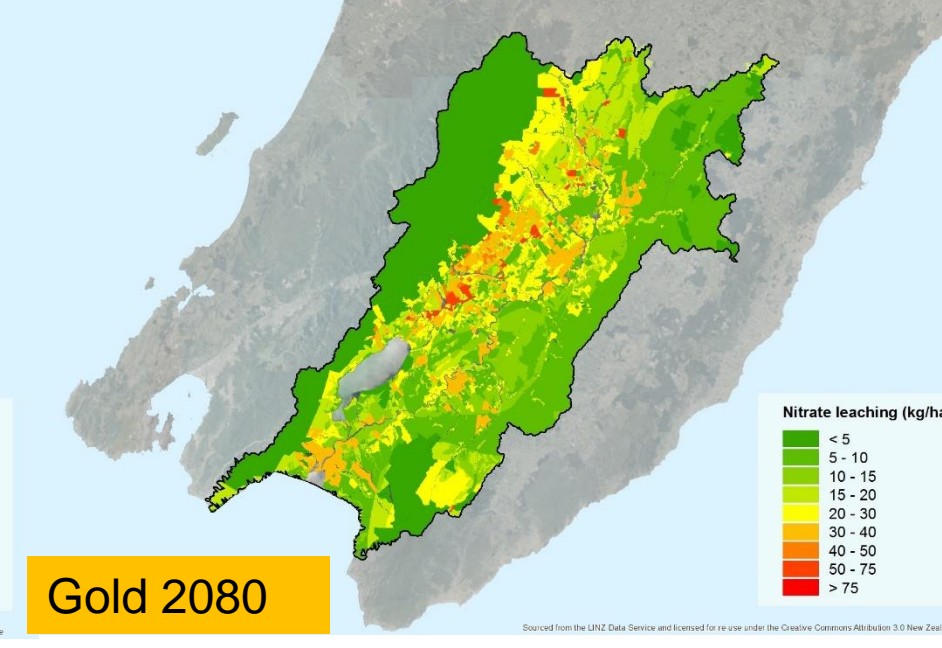
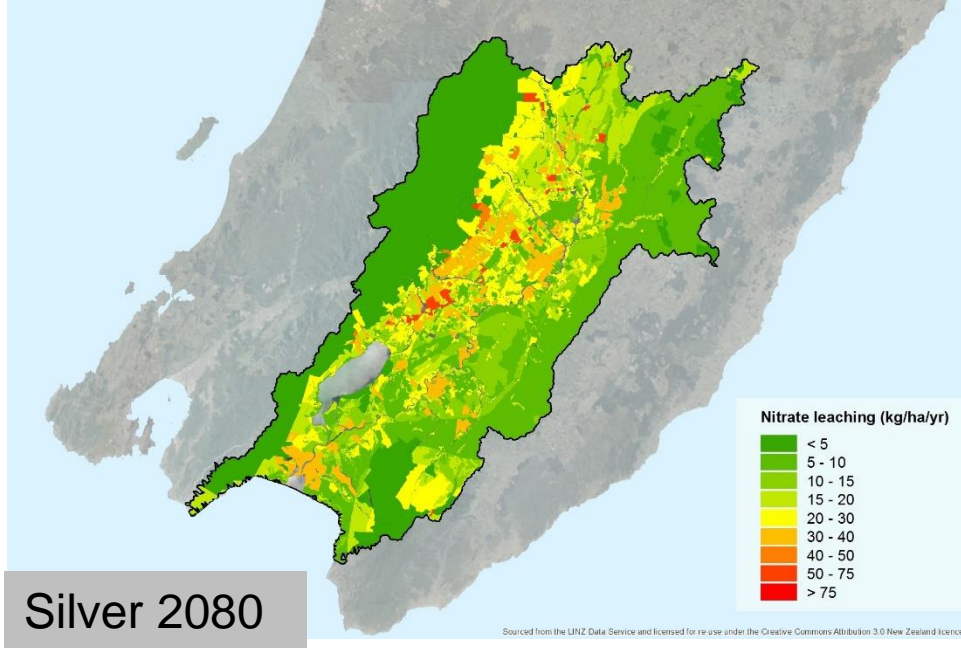
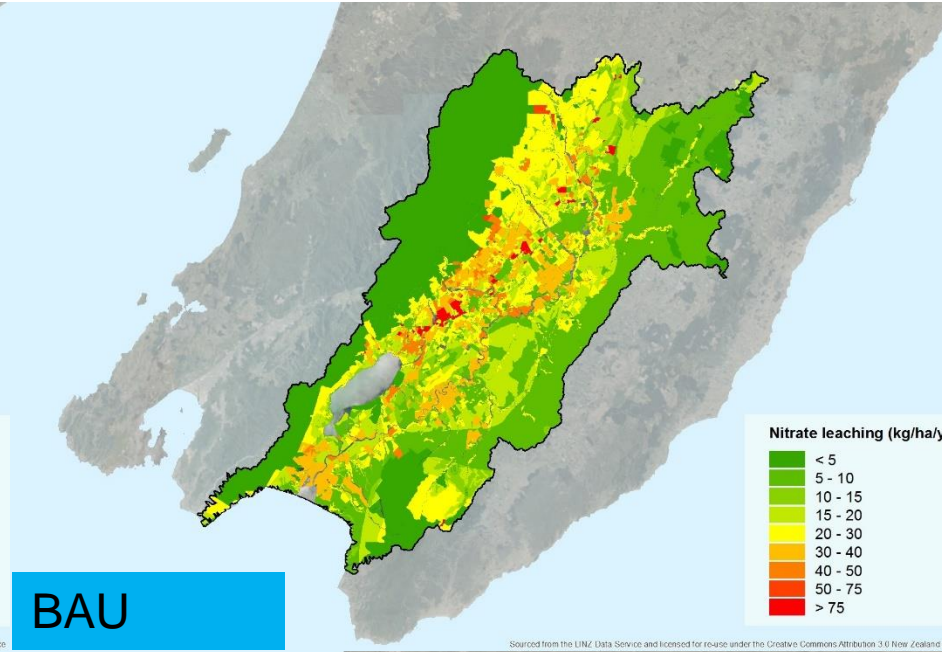
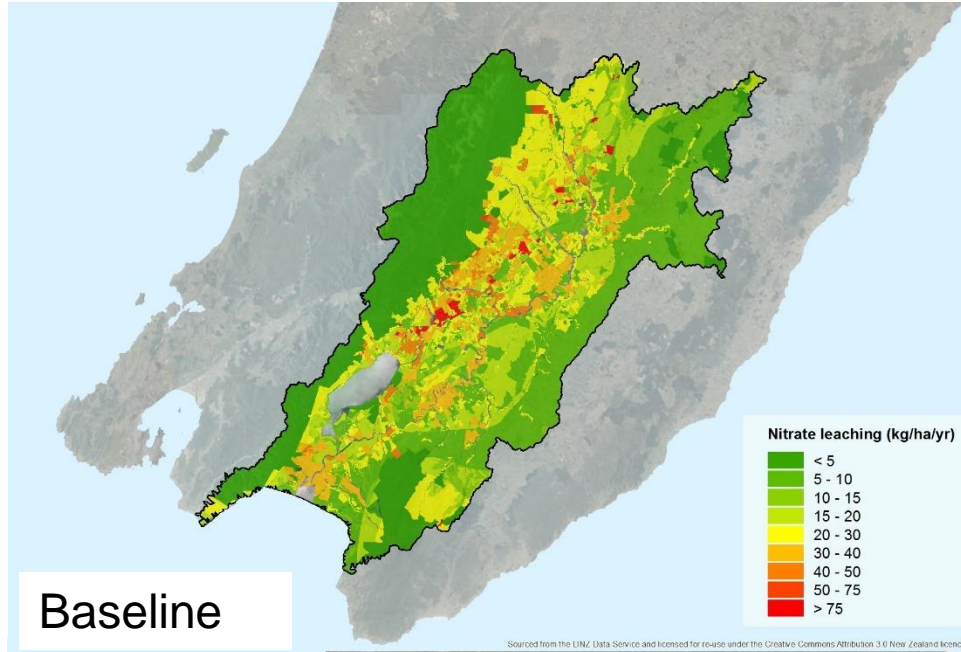
# Environmental Impacts

	<b>BAU 2040</b>	<b>BAU 2080</b>	<b>Silver 2025</b>	<b>Silver 2040</b>	<b>Silver 2080</b>	<b>Gold 2025</b>	<b>Gold 2040</b>	<b>Gold 2080</b>
<i>Environmental parameters (% change)</i>								
Sediment loss	-9.3%	-15.3%	N/A	-26.9%	-36.8%	N/A	-30.1%	-32.9%
N losses	0%	0%	-8.1%	-8.7%	-8.7%	-9.0%	-9.1%	-9.1%
P losses	0%	0%	-18.1%	-43.4%	-52.1%	-32.4%	-52.6%	-52.6%

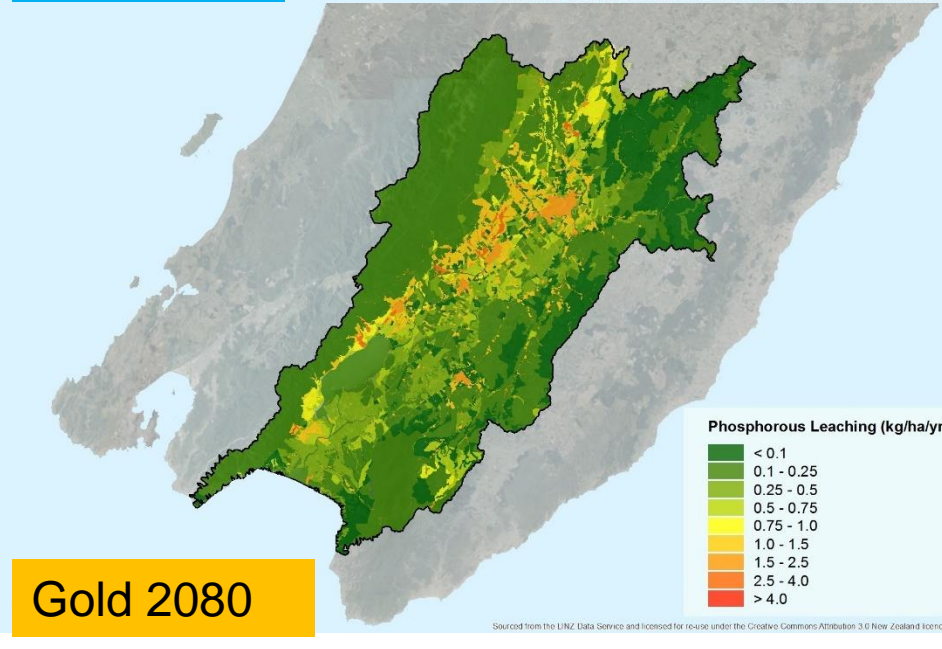
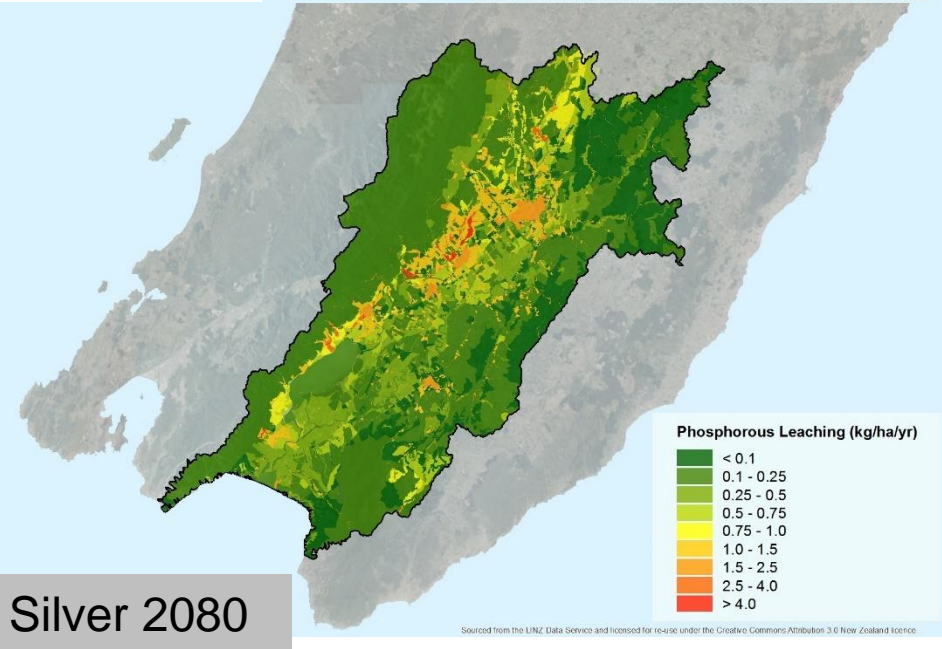
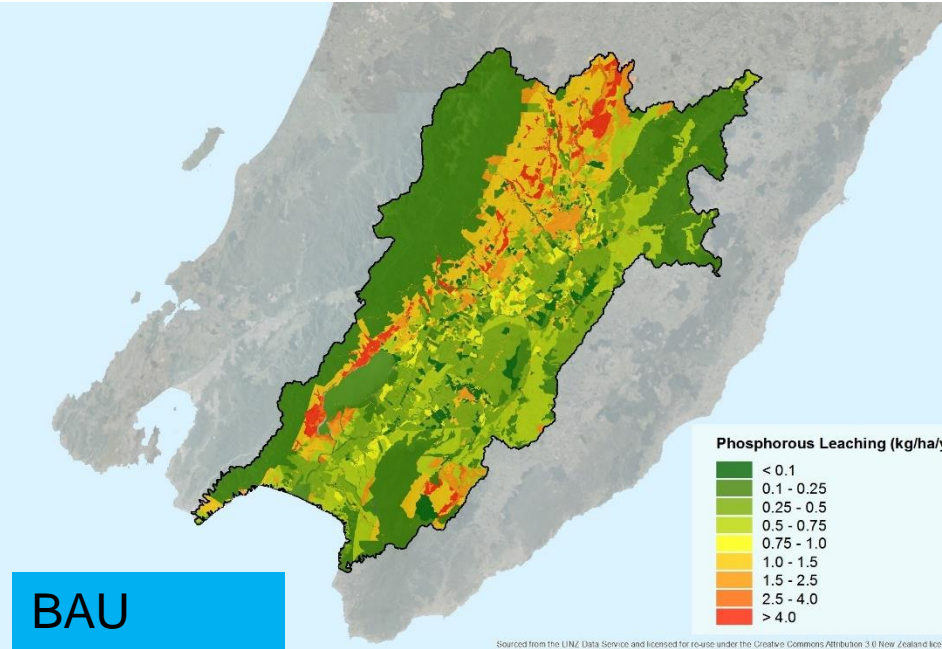
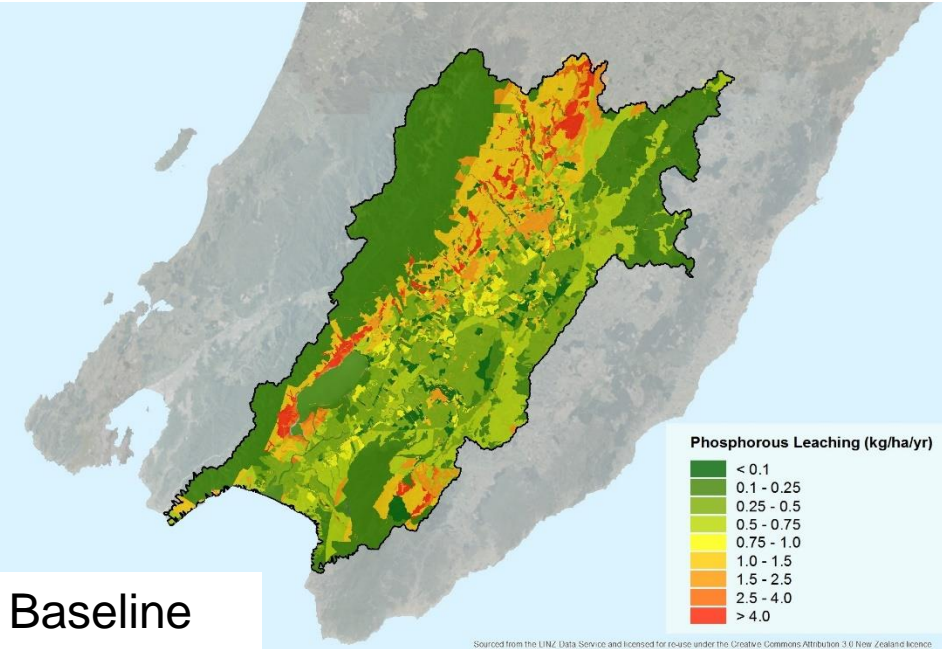
- Scenarios have little impact on N losses
- More substantial impacts on sediment & P losses



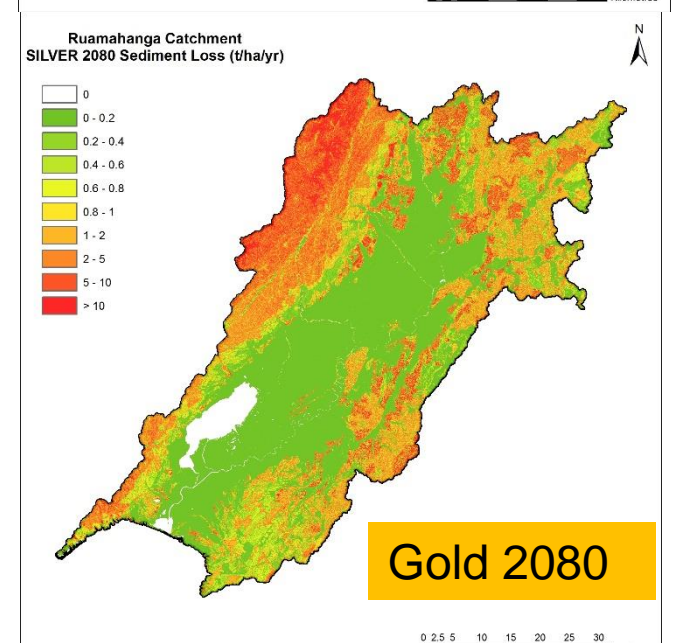
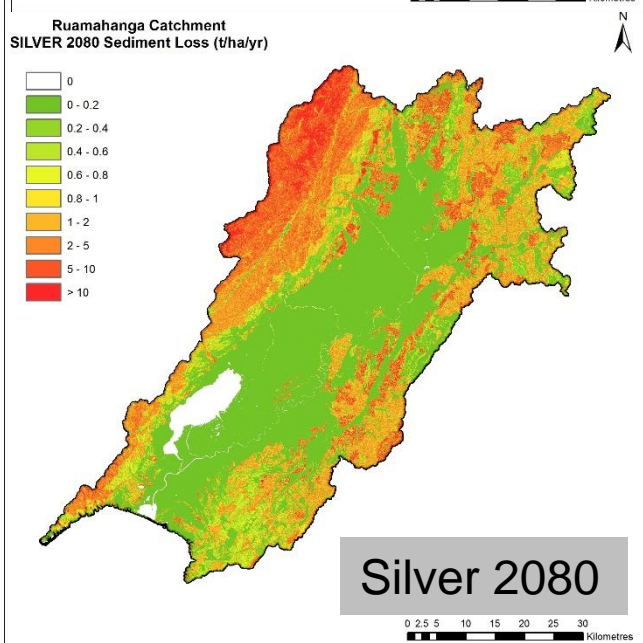
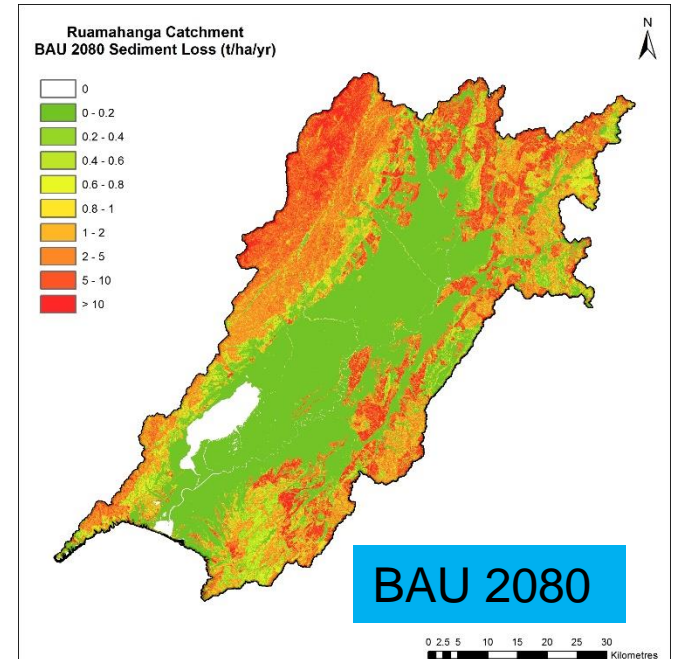
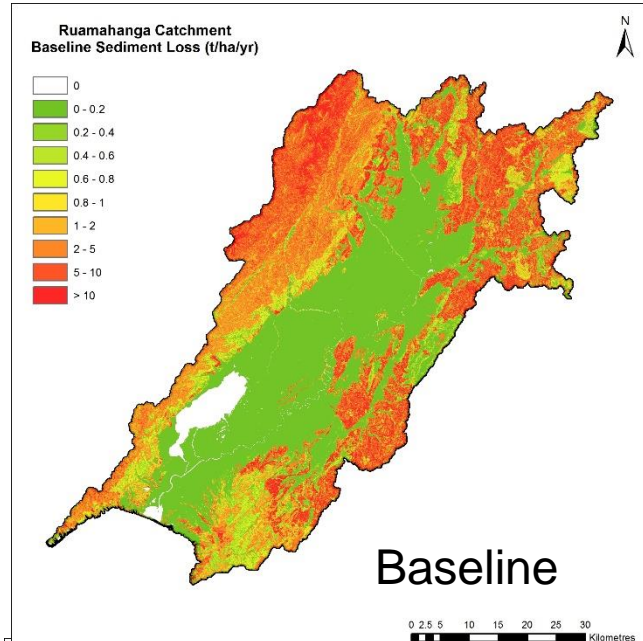
# Nitrate Leaching



# P Loss

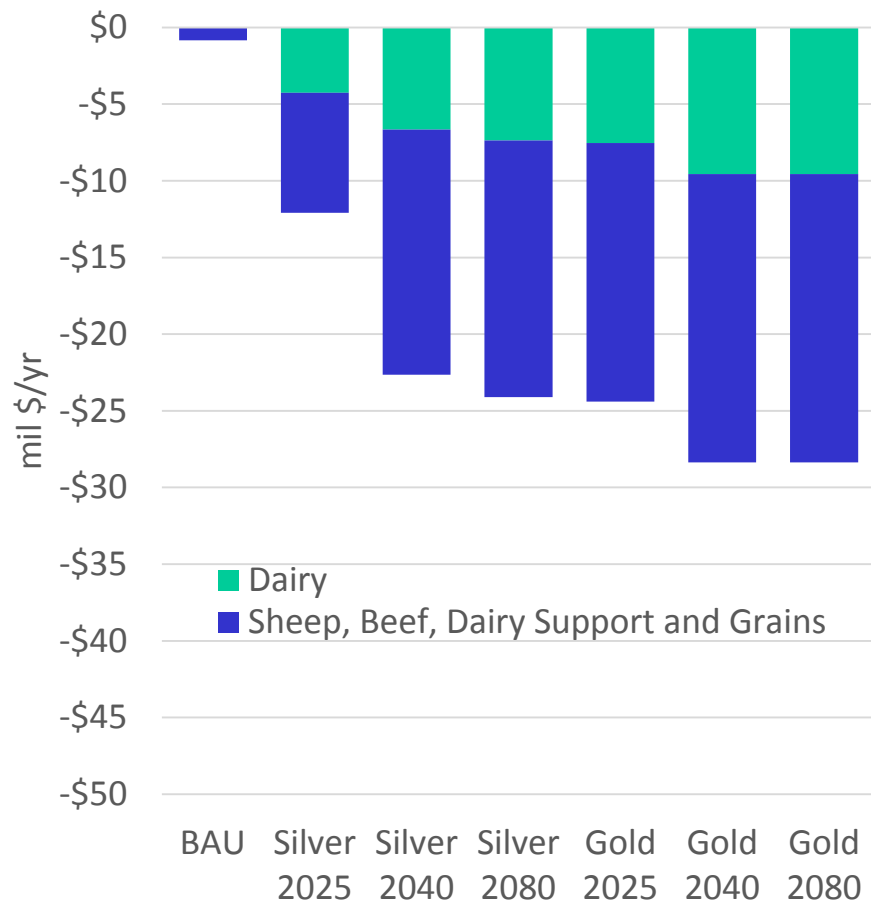


# Sediment Loss

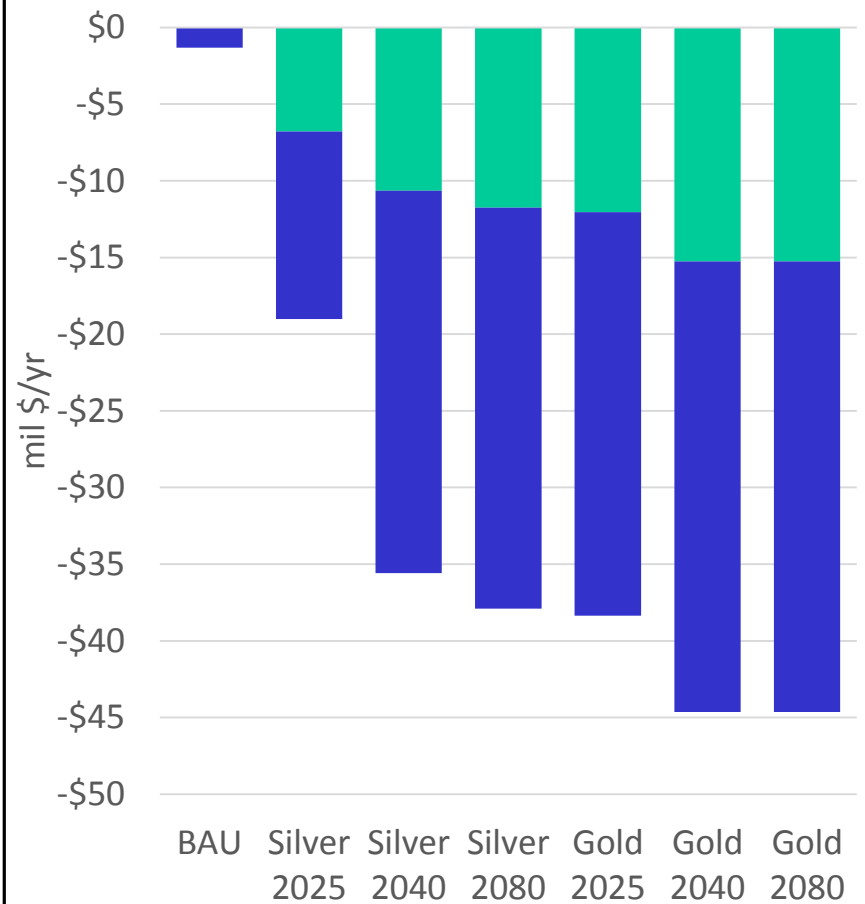


# Regional Economic Impacts – Economic Output

Change in Farm Gate Revenue from  
Baseline

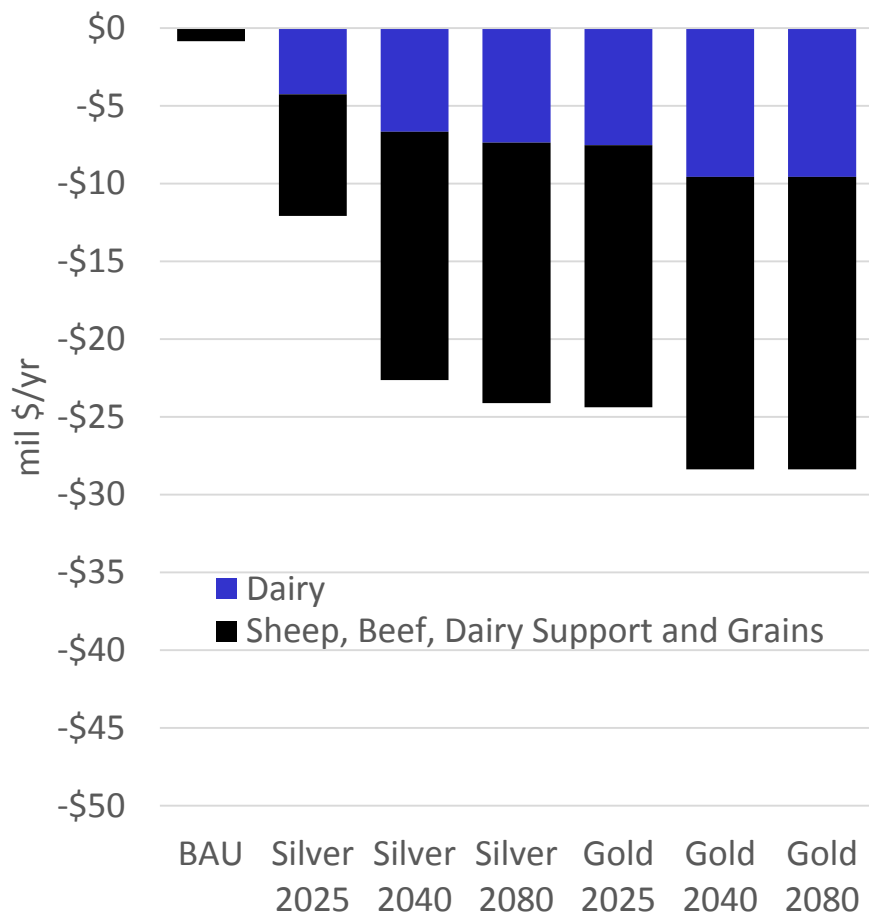


Change in Regional Economic Output  
from Baseline

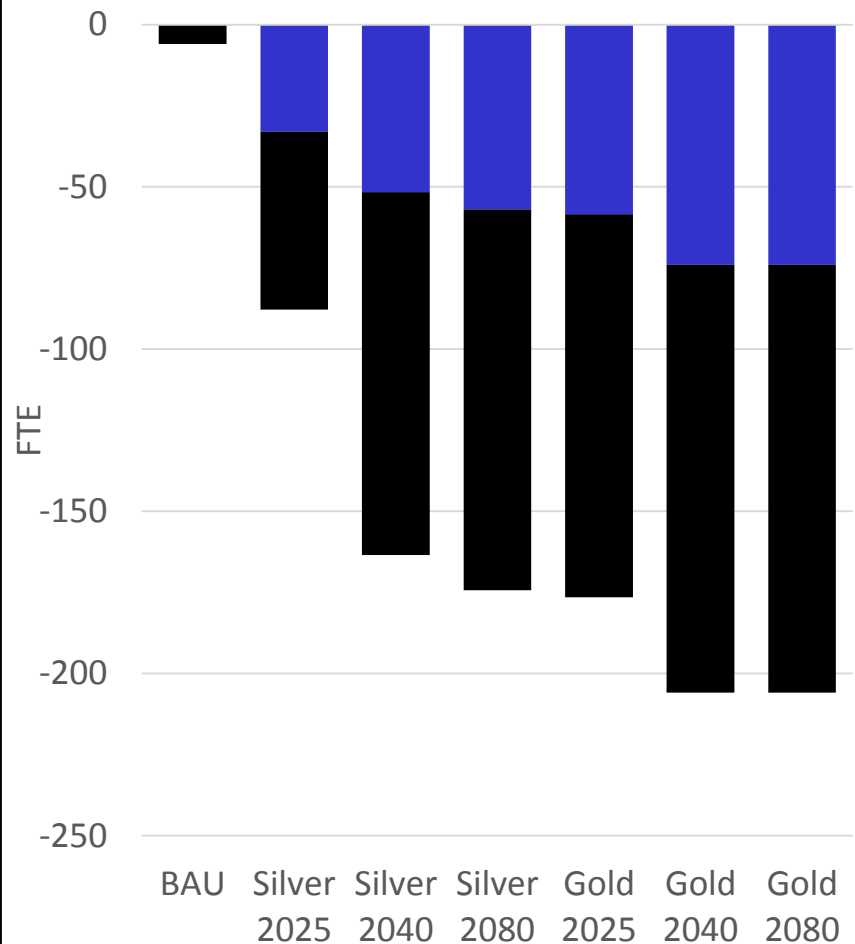


# Regional Economic Impacts - Employment

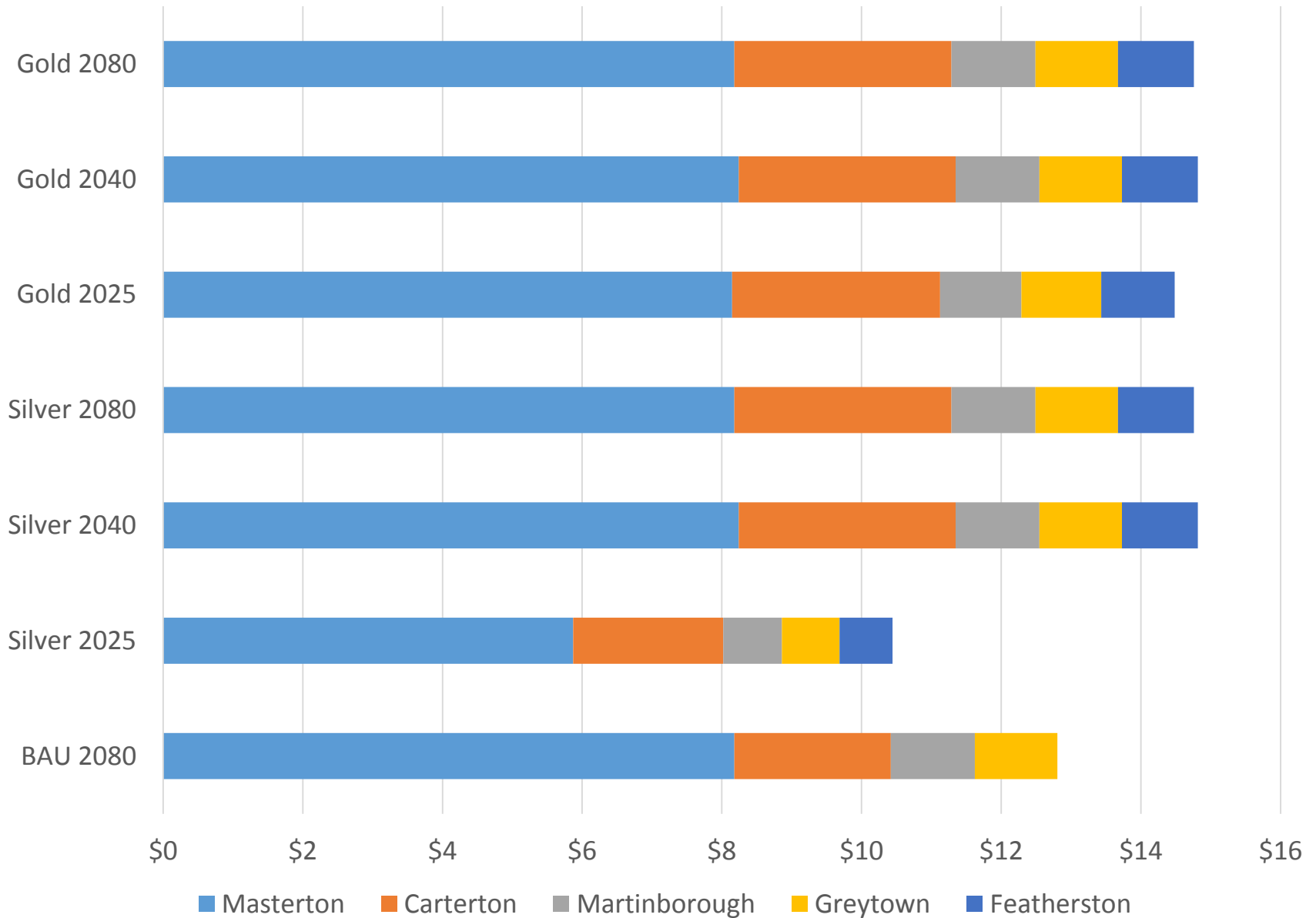
Change in Farm Gate Revenue from  
Baseline



Change in Regional Employment from  
Baseline

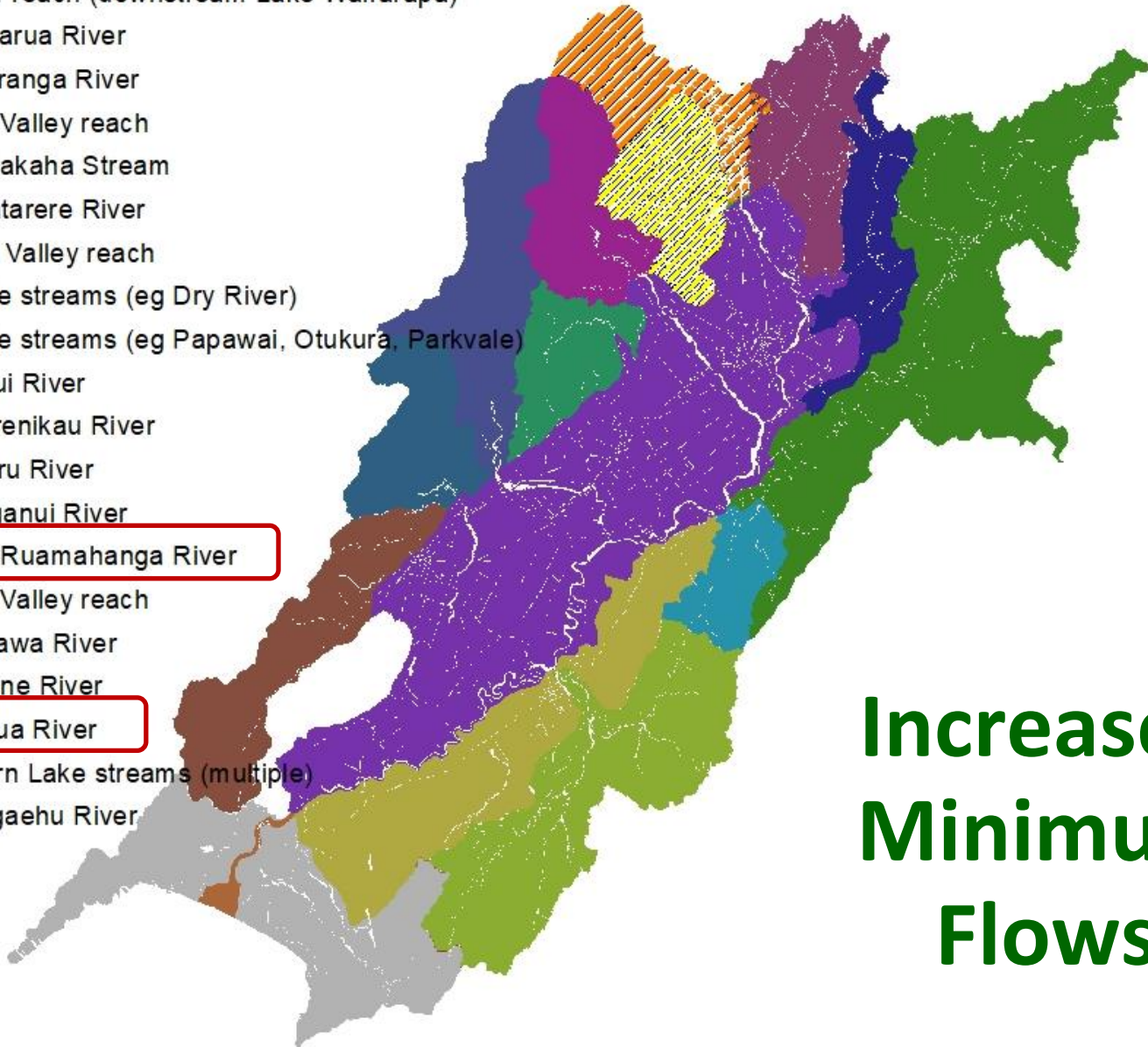


## Wastewater Treatment Plant Mitigation Cost (million \$/yr)



# Ruamahanga Subcatchments

- Not Specified
- Bottom reach (downstream Lake Wairarapa)
- Huanga River
- Kopuaranga River
- Lower Valley reach
- Makahakaha Stream
- Mangatarere River
- Middle Valley reach
- Multiple streams (eg Dry River)
- Multiple streams (eg Papawai, Otukura, Parkvale)
- Tauanui River
- Tauherenikau River
- Tauweru River
- Turanganui River
- Upper Ruamahanga River
- Upper Valley reach
- Waingawa River
- Waiohine River
- Waipoua River
- Western Lake streams (multiple)
- Whangaehu River



**Increased  
Minimum  
Flows**

# Increased Minimum Flows Regional Economic Impacts (\$/yr)

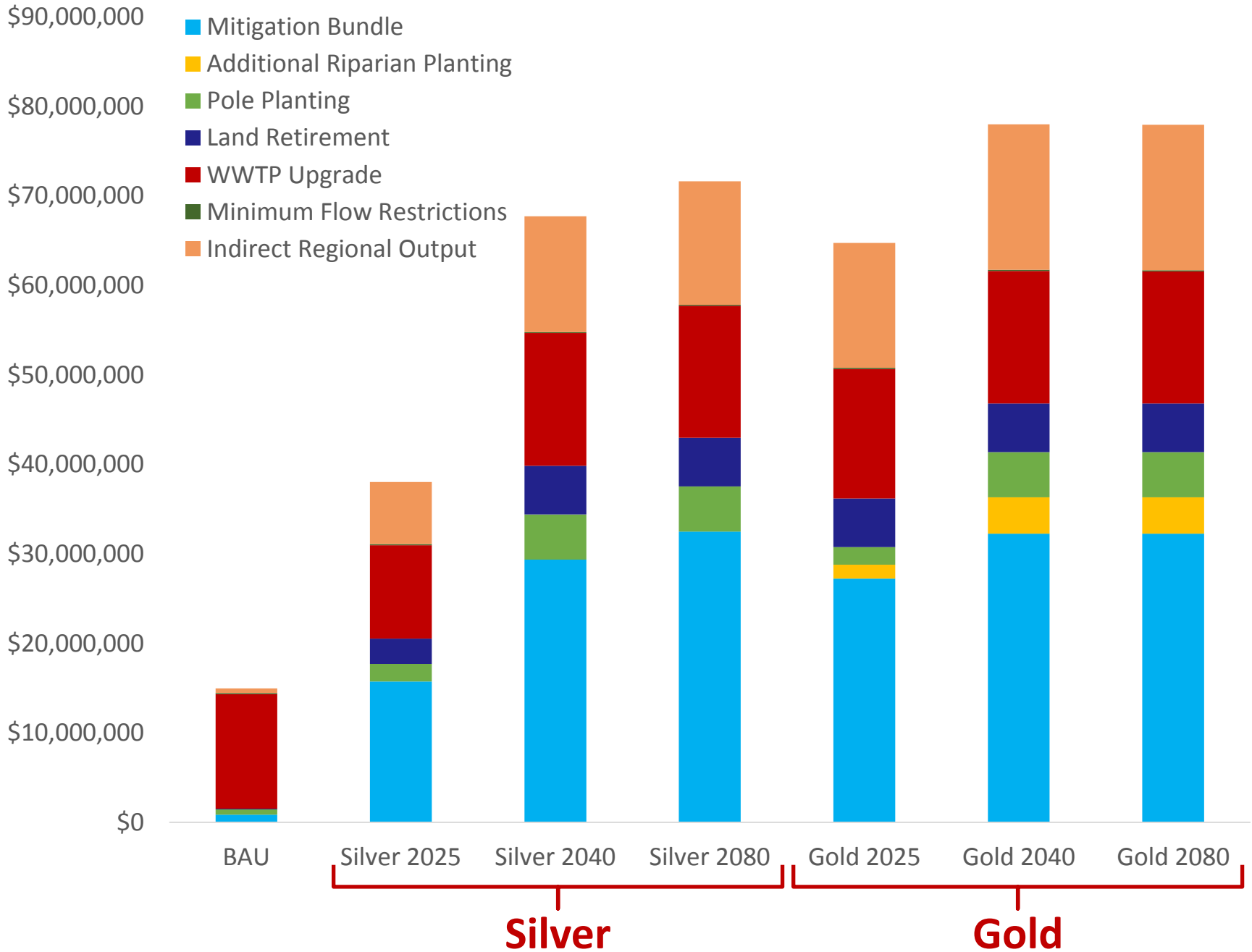
Reliability	Waipoua (104 ha)		Upper Ruamahanga (861 ha)	
	Now	Future	Now	Future
<i>Change in Regional Economic Output from Baseline - Most Intensive Systems Irrigated</i>				
Average Annual Reliability	-\$12,315	-\$16,879	-\$70,785	-\$115,449
Average Summer Reliability	-\$21,442	-\$29,048	-\$97,583	-\$186,913
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	-\$43,786	-\$53,145	-\$160,114	-\$347,705
<i>Change in Regional Economic Output from Baseline - Average System Irrigated</i>				
Average Annual Reliability	-\$8,140	-\$11,557	-\$28,096	-\$45,824
Average Summer Reliability	-\$14,974	-\$20,668	-\$38,733	-\$74,189
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	-\$31,584	-\$37,503	-\$63,552	-\$138,010



# Increased Minimum Flows Regional Employment Impacts

Reliability	Waipoua (104 ha)		Upper Ruamahanga (861 ha)	
	Now	Future	Now	Future
<i>Change in Regional Employment from Baseline (FTE) – Average Systems Irrigated</i>				
Average Annual Reliability	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8
Average Summer Reliability	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	-1.3
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	-0.3	-0.4	-1.1	-2.4
<i>Change in Regional Employment from Baseline (FTE) – Average System Irrigated</i>				
Average Annual Reliability	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Average Summer Reliability	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-1.0

# Total Scenario Costs, by Component (\$/yr)



# Contact Details

Suzie Greenhalgh:

[greenhalghs@landcareresearch.co.nz](mailto:greenhalghs@landcareresearch.co.nz)

09-574 4132

Adam Daigneault:

[Adam.daigneault@maine.edu](mailto:Adam.daigneault@maine.edu)

# END

Spare slides below if needed during question  
time



# Increased Minimum Flows Change in Revenue (\$/yr)

Reliability	Waipoua		Ruamahanga [upper]	
	Now	Future	Now	Future
Dairy (Total Revenue Change)				
Average Annual Reliability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Average Summer Reliability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Arable (Total Revenue Change)				
Average Annual Reliability	-\$3,456	-\$5,163	\$0	\$0
Average Summer Reliability	-\$6,869	-\$9,713	\$0	\$0
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	-\$15,098	-\$17,441	\$0	\$0
Sheep, Beef & Dairy Support (Total Revenue Change)				
Average Annual Reliability	-\$1,762	-\$2,245	-\$18,010	-\$29,374
Average Summer Reliability	-\$2,729	-\$3,535	-\$24,829	-\$47,557
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	-\$5,148	-\$6,599	-\$40,738	-\$88,468
All Land Uses (Total Revenue Change)				
Average Annual Reliability	-\$5,218	-\$7,408	-\$18,010	-\$29,374
Average Summer Reliability	-\$9,598	-\$13,249	-\$24,829	-\$47,557
90th Percentile Summer Reliability	-\$20,246	-\$24,040	-\$40,738	-\$88,468

# Key Model Outputs

\$\$\$

**Net Revenue** (from on-farm production)



**Food** (meat, milk, fruit, etc.)



**Raw materials** (timber, pulp, wool, silage, etc.)



**Freshwater** (N, P, *E.coli*, irrigated area)



**Erosion and Prevention** (soil loss/retain by land use)



**Carbon Sequestration** (exotic and native forest, grassland, etc.)

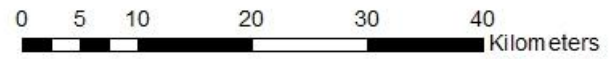
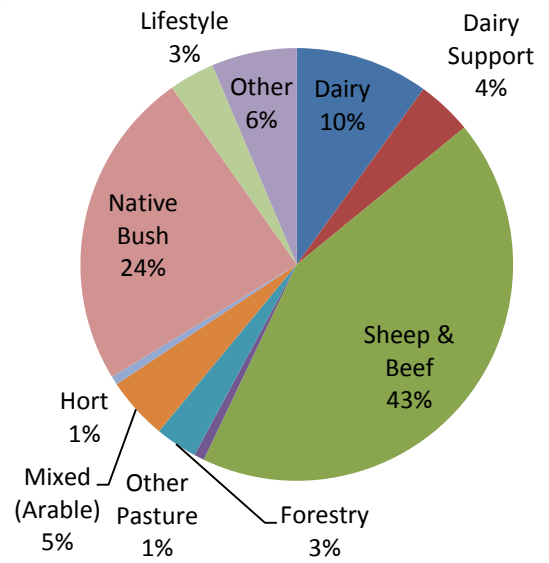
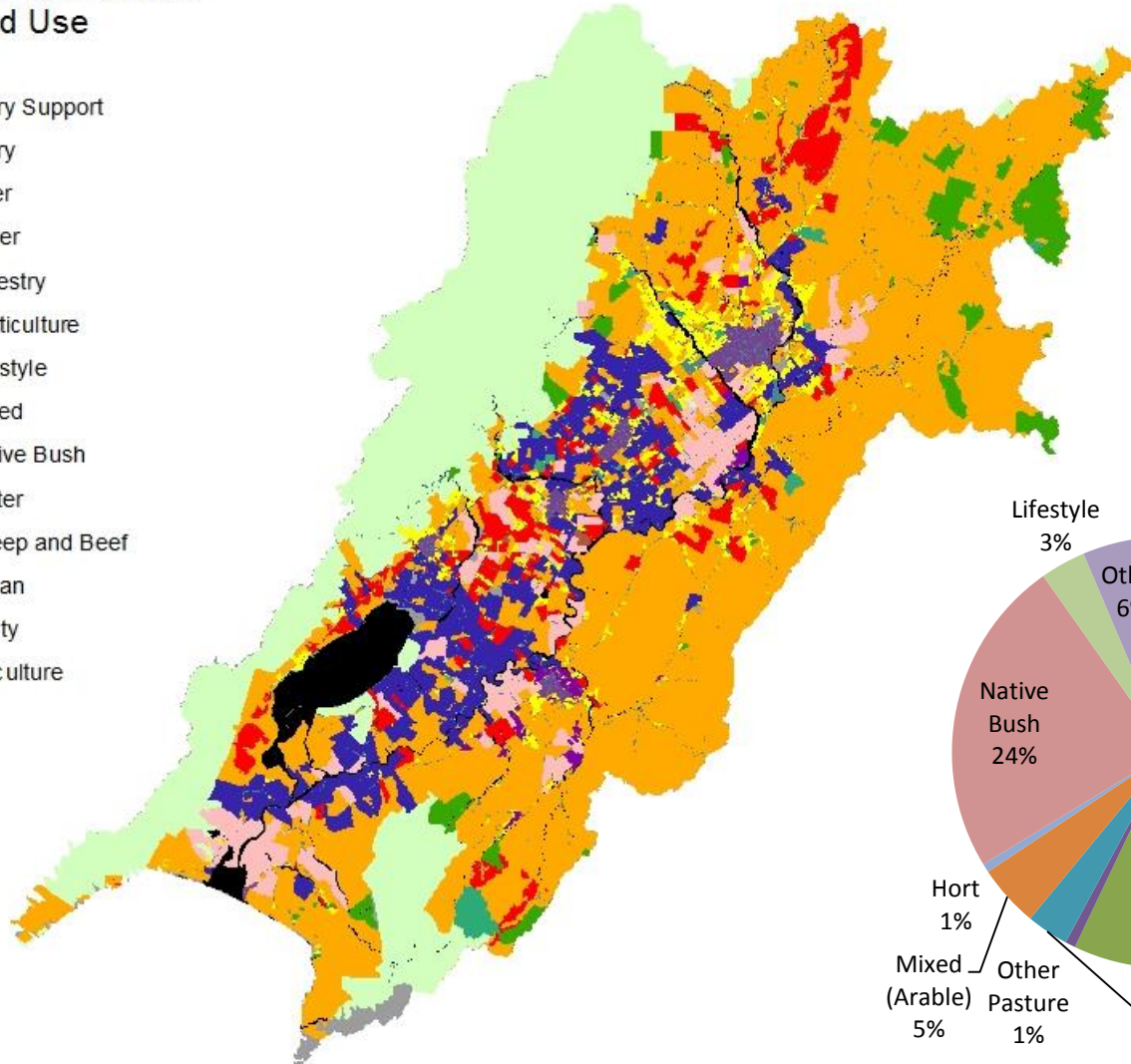
Outputs will vary subject to:

- Contaminant load target(s)
- Policy mechanism
- Mitigation cost & effectiveness

# Ruamahanga Catchment Land Use



- Dairy Support
- Dairy
- Deer
- Other
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Lifestyle
- Mixed
- Native Bush
- Water
- Sheep and Beef
- Urban
- Utility
- Viticulture



# Regional Impacts

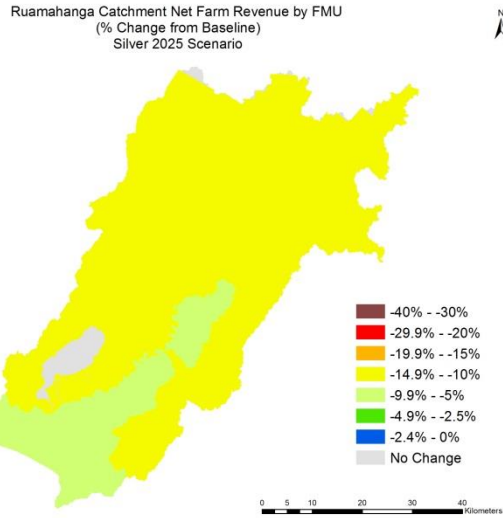
Land Use	BAU	Silver 2025	Silver 2040	Silver 2080	Gold 2025	Gold 2040	Gold 2080
<i>Change Farm Gate Revenue from Baseline (Mil \$/yr)</i>							
Dairy	\$0.00	-\$4.25	-\$6.67	-\$7.36	-\$7.54	-\$9.56	-\$9.56
Sheep, Beef, Dairy Support & Grains	-\$0.84	-\$7.82	-\$15.97	-\$16.75	-\$16.85	-\$18.81	-\$18.81
Total	-\$0.85	-\$12.08	-\$22.64	-\$24.11	-\$24.39	-\$28.37	-\$28.37
<i>Change in Regional Economic Output from Baseline (Mil \$/yr)</i>							
Dairy	-\$0.01	-\$6.80	-\$10.65	-\$11.75	-\$12.04	-\$15.27	-\$15.27
Sheep, Beef, Dairy Support & Grains	-\$1.32	-\$12.21	-\$24.93	-\$26.16	-\$26.31	-\$29.38	-\$29.38
Total	-\$1.32	-\$19.01	-\$35.58	-\$37.91	-\$38.36	-\$44.64	-\$44.64
<i>Change in Regional Employment from Baseline (FTE)</i>							
Dairy	0.0	-33.0	-51.6	-56.9	-58.4	-74.0	-74.0
Sheep, Beef, Dairy Support & Grains	-5.9	-54.8	-111.9	-117.5	-118.1	-132.0	-132.0
Total	-5.9	-87.8	-163.5	-174.4	-176.5	-206.0	-206.0



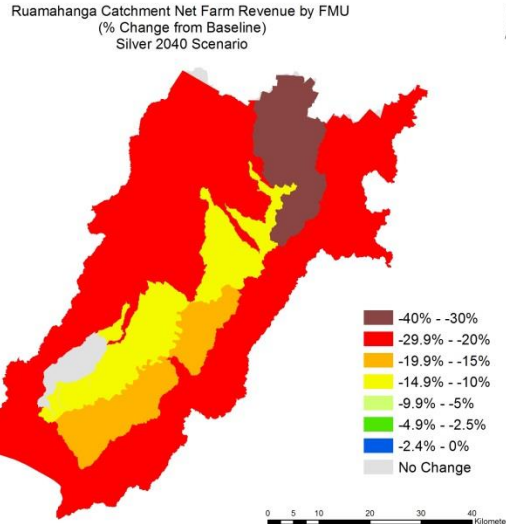
# Annualised WWTP Upgrade Costs ('000\$/yr)

District	BAU 2080	Silver 2025	Silver 2040	Silver 2080	Gold 2025	Gold 2040	Gold 2080
Masterton	8,178	5,873	8,241	8,178	8,146	8,241	8,178
Carterton	2,243	2,149	3,105	3,111	2,980	3,105	3,111
Martinborough	1,202	839	1,202	1,202	1,164	1,202	1,202
Greytown	1,181	824	1,181	1,181	1,143	1,181	1,181
Featherston	0	758	1,086	1,086	1,051	1,086	1,086
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,805</b>	<b>10,443</b>	<b>14,816</b>	<b>14,758</b>	<b>14,483</b>	<b>14,816</b>	<b>14,758</b>

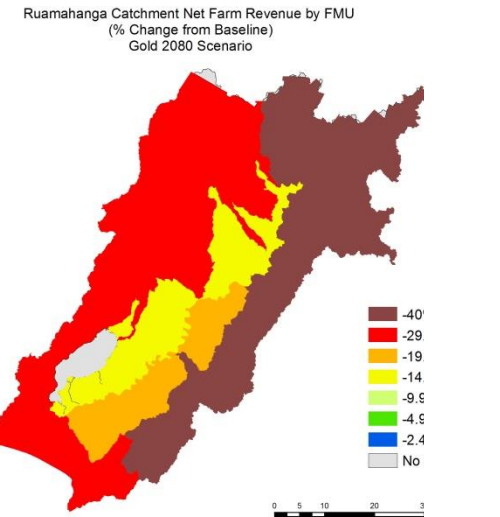
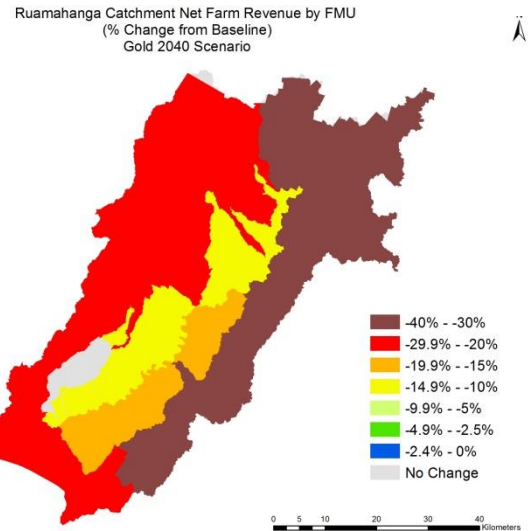
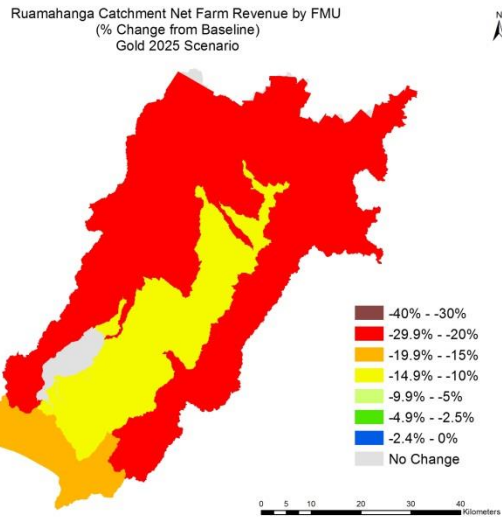
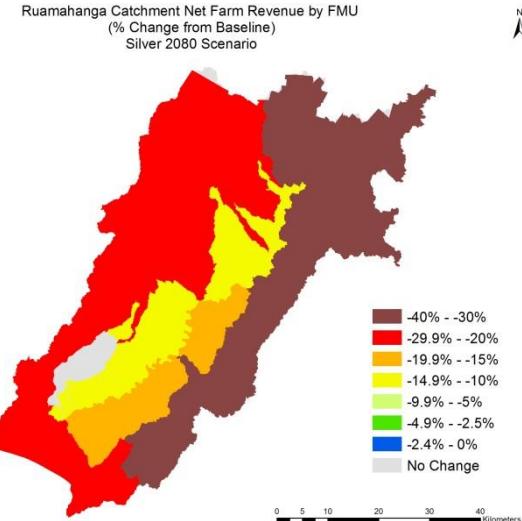
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Tier 1 mit. options



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 2 mit. Options



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 3 mit. Options



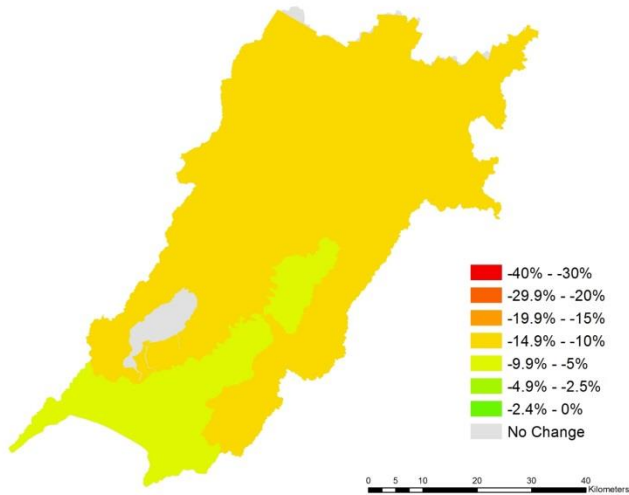
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 2 mit. options

- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options

- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options

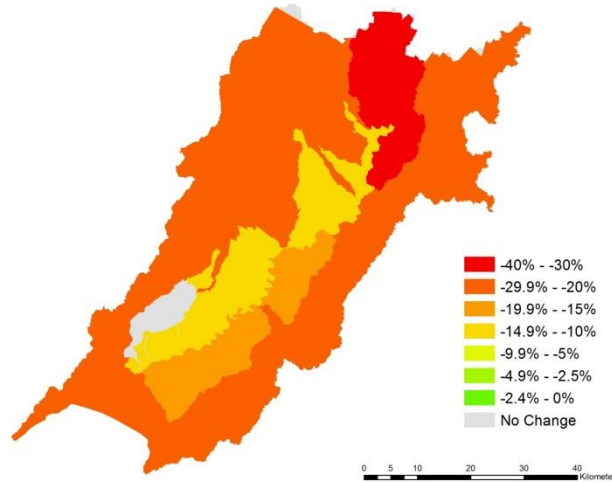
# Sediment & on-farm mitigation options – Silver Scenario

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Silver 2025 Scenario



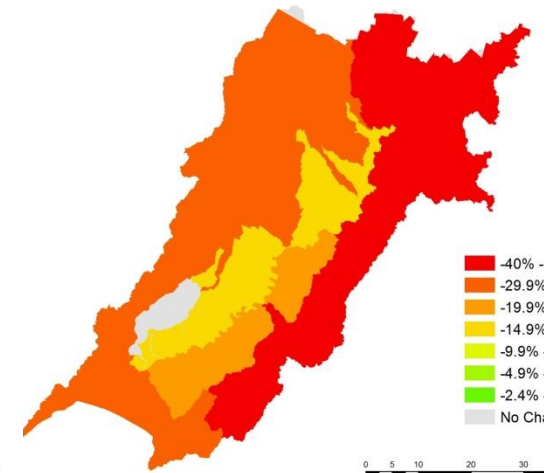
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Tier 1 mit. options

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Silver 2040 Scenario



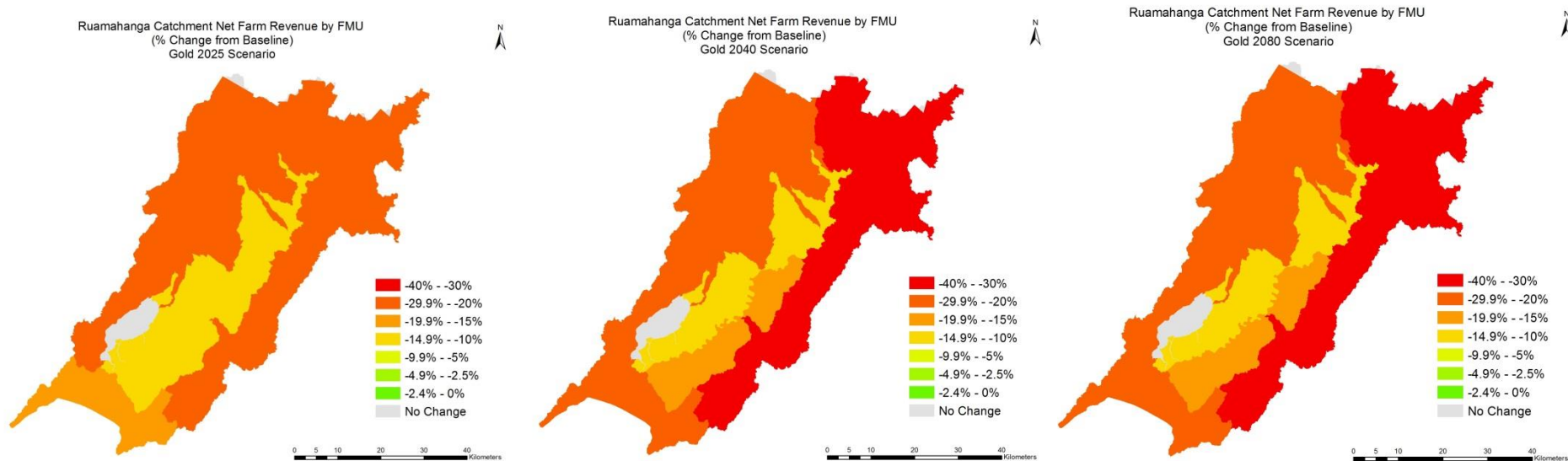
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 2 mit. options

Ruamahanga Catchment Net Farm Revenue by FMU  
(% Change from Baseline)  
Silver 2080 Scenario



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 3 mit. options

# Sediment & on-farm mitigation options – Gold Scenario

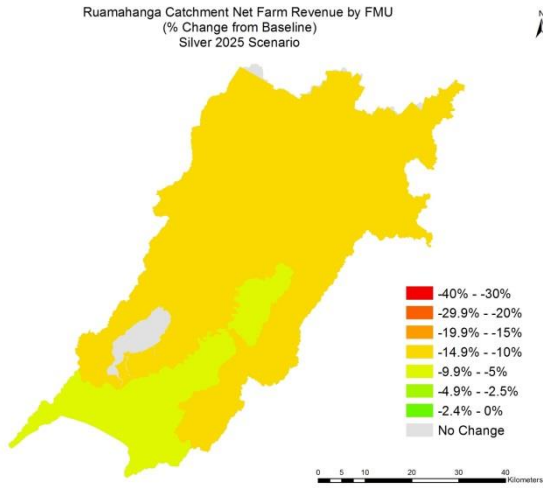


- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 2 mit. options

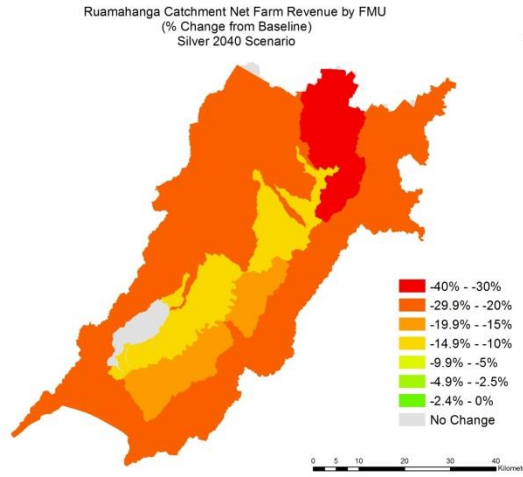
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options

- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options

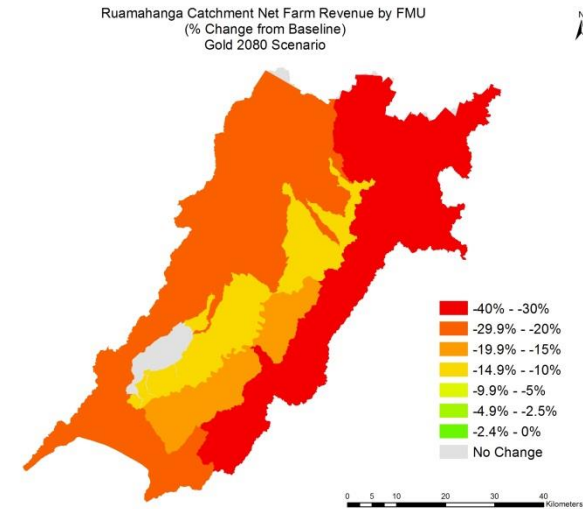
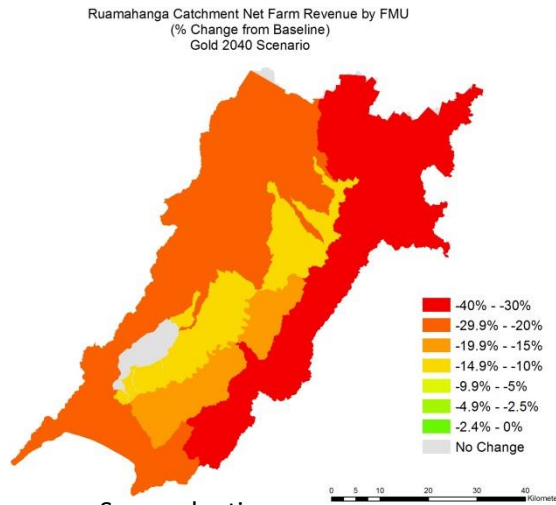
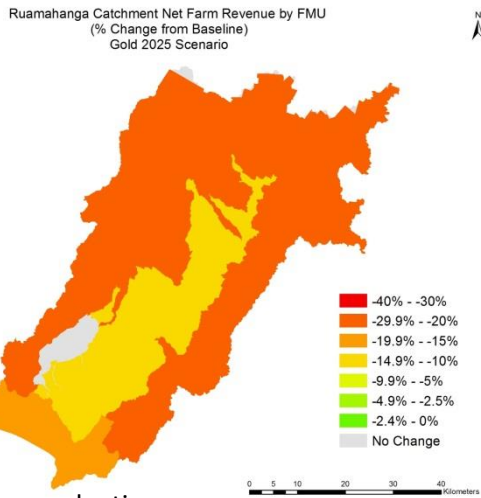
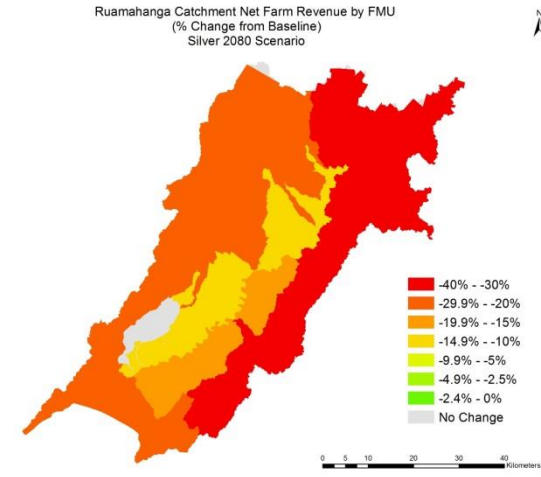
- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Tier 1 mit. options



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 2 mit. Options



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Tier 3 mit. Options



- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 2 mit. options

- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options

- Space planting
- Stock exclusion
- Retire steep slopes
- Riparian planting (+5m)
- Tier 3 mit. options