

Steep land stabilisation

Landholder	Simar Kaur Singh
Map reference	7
Land use	Bananas, blueberries
Soil Erosion Solutions Grant	\$2,400 (earthworks, native plants, stakes, tree guards, fertiliser)
Landholder's in-kind contribution	\$4,450 (labour, concrete, chemicals)

The site

This farmer had taken a large area of bananas out of production and replaced some areas with other produce including blueberries, but a very steep area not suitable for the new crops was degrading rapidly.

The project

- > Access tracks were stabilised with earthworks and concrete.
- > Weeds were sprayed, with regular followup control.
- > Washed-out gullies were reshaped.
- > Native trees and shrubs were planted on 2ha.
- > Soil control works will continue into the next phase of the land repair program.

The benefits

- > Degraded roads are now accessible.
- > Downstream lowland rainforest habitats are now protected from sediment runoff.
- > Steep non-productive areas of the farm are regenerating with native vegetation.
- > The trees and shrubs provide native wildlife habitat.
- > The property has more aesthetic value.

Landholder's experience

What was the **best thing** about this project?

"The specific advice the Landcare officer gave me helped my work on the erosion to get a better result."

What was the **most difficult** aspect of the project?

"The weeds just keep coming back and I constantly struggle to get on top of them."



Before the work bananas had to be killed to prepare for new vegetation