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Open Space magazine is a celebration of the generosity, passion, hard work, and significant financial investment of thousands of National Trust covenantors who are protecting native habitats, threatened environments, and endangered species on their land. They are protecting the things we identify as quintessentially 'New Zealand'. As guardians of our heritage and our rural environments, their actions ultimately benefit the whole community.

We celebrate a continuing growth in the number of special places protected by covenantors. Currently more than 4300 covenants are protecting around 180,000ha of valuable environments and threatened species habitat. That is an area equivalent in size to Rakiura/Stewart Island.

It costs the National Trust, on average, \$25,000 to establish a covenant (that excludes the significant contribution made by the landowner). Costs for the National Trust include survey work, fencing contributions, field work, administration, and legal processing fees. There is also the ongoing cost of monitoring covenants once they are operative.

We can afford to establish around 110 covenants a year but there are at least another 50 landowners wanting to covenant land every year.

The Government supports the protection of biodiversity on private land and provides funds to help meet some of the costs of covenanting. However, this funding source is limited and it is clear that we will have to generate more of our own income if QEII National

Trust we want to continue growing the network of covenants in New Zealand. We do this already by seeking grants from a range of sources such as the Lotteries Grants Board and the Department of Conservation's Community Conservation Partnership Fund. We have also started to explore commercial partnership opportunities to support our work. Our recent agreement with fencing producers, Steel & Tube, is one such partnership that will help us significantly reduce fencing costs.

At the heart of the National Trust's success is its partnership with its members and supporters, from whom we have already benefitted from many generous donations and bequests. We would like to give every landowner with significant natural, cultural, or regenerating areas on their property the opportunity to protect those features with covenants.

We don't want to be in the position of having to turn down quality proposals because of funding constraints. We want to be able to help covenantors who are struggling to manage their covenants.

For every \$25,000 we raise we can help another landowner protect a special place on their land with a covenant. We are aiming to raise \$1 million and every dollar will be spent on covenants.

If you would like to support us information about joining as a member or donating to support our work can be found on our website: www.QEIINationalTrust.org.nz

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