

# FAQ

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## HOW DOES QEII PROTECT LAND?

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We work in partnership with landowners to set up covenants, which protect areas of land with significant values. This usually means making sure the protected area is stock-proof, and that things like harvest, clearing, and development are prohibited.

Regular monitoring means we can keep track of trends in the condition of the protected land, and help you to identify and manage threats to the protected values.

## WHAT SORT OF LAND CAN BE PROTECTED?

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Most of the private land we protect contains significant native biodiversity values. However, we also protect several historical and archaeological sites, as well as areas with high scenic and recreational values.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF LAND IS SOLD?

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When we partner with landowners to protect land, that protection is in place forever. New owners are subject to the restrictions in the covenant deed. See our buying protected land page on our website for more information.

## IS THERE FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

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We have established a contestable fund for covenant enhancement projects, known as the Stephenson Fund. Talk to your regional rep if you have any questions about enhancing your protected land.



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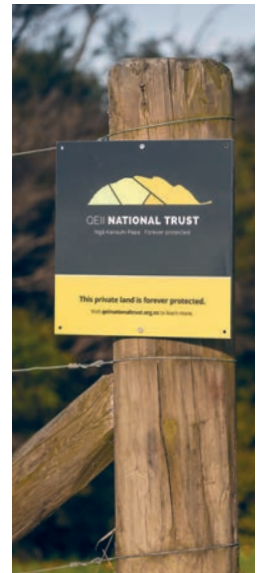
## WHAT CAN I DO IN A PROTECTED AREA?

Each protected area is unique, but generally you can still access the protected land so that you can enjoy it. This includes things like using tracks, infrastructure, and amenities, as well as hunting and other recreational activities.

In consultation with your rep, you can usually build new walking and cycling tracks, as well as huts and other amenities to enhance your access and enjoyment of the protected area. Talk to your rep to learn more.

## DO THE PUBLIC HAVE ACCESS TO A PROTECTED AREA?

Most land we protect only allows public access with prior permission from landowners. When you protect your land, you decide whether you want to allow the public a right to access the protected area.



## HOW DO YOU PROTECT LANDOWNER PRIVACY?

All landowner information is stored strictly in accordance with our privacy policy. Personal information is not disclosed without consent.

## HOW CAN YOU TELL IF LAND IS PROTECTED?

The land title in question will have an agreement registered on it. Often there will also be a sign on the fence around the protected area. If you aren't sure, feel free to contact us.

## DOES COVENANTING AFFECT MY RATES?

We inform local authorities when land is protected. Each local authority has differing policies regarding rates remission for protected land. We are continually advocating for better remissions policies for land we protect.

## HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

This depends on the specifics of the project, particularly on fencing requirements, but generally the process takes around two years.

## HOW SECURE IS THE LAND YOU PROTECT?

Our protection has withstood several challenges in Court. We are not afraid to fully commit to defending land we have agreed to protect.



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