

# ABOUT US

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## WHAT DOES QEII DO?

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Set up in 1977, Queen Elizabeth II National Trust (QEII) is an independent charitable trust that partners with private landowners to protect natural and cultural heritage sites on their land with covenants. A covenant is an agreement between us and a landowner to protect land forever.

The landowner continues to own and manage the protected land, and the covenant and protection stays on the land, even when the property is sold to a new owner.

Our partnerships have created a growing network of over 4,600 protected areas throughout New Zealand.



## HOW DOES QEII WORK?

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QEII is managed by a Board of Directors. The Board is made up of six directors. Four are appointed by the Minister of Conservation and have the right mix of environmental and conservation values, who can reflect the interests of rural landowners, and the interests of the Maori community. QEII National Trust members elect the remaining two directors.

Our head office is in Wellington central, where we have over 20 staff, and we have 26 regional representatives all over Aotearoa.



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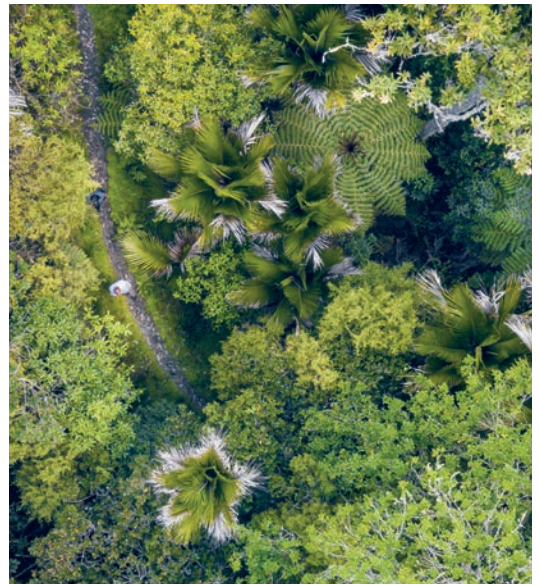
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## WORKING WITH LANDOWNERS

QEII and the landowner share a mutual interest to protect special pockets of land. Our representatives visit every covenant every two years to monitor its condition and can offer support or advise. The landowner continues to own and control access to their covenant.

## WORKING WITH OTHERS

We work closely with regional and district councils around the country, as well as the Department of Conservation, to get the best outcomes for open space around New Zealand. This can be in the form of financial support, as well as advice and training for landowners so that they can best manage their protected land.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PROTECTING YOUR LAND?

There are over 1,000 threatened native species in New Zealand, with some of our most threatened animal and plant species depending on private land. QEII National Trust covenants protect species including the nationally critical kakī or black stilt, the world's rarest penguin the hoiho, and our rarest kiwi, the rowi.

Protecting private land via a QEII National Trust covenant is the most efficient and effective way to help protect the habitat of threatened animal and plant species.

## HOW TO PROTECT YOUR LAND

Each covenant is tailored to reflect the wishes of the landowner. If you are interested in protecting an area on your land, please contact your local rep.

Throughout the process, your rep will work closely with you to ensure that your land is protected in accordance with your intentions and guide you on how best to look after the values you have protected.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I BUY OR SELL PROTECTED LAND?

Land protected with us is still secured even if ownership of the land changes. The protection remains in place forever and cannot be removed for any reason.

The protection in place for each area is unique, as set out in the covenant deed registered on the title to the land. If you are looking at buying protected land you should make yourself aware of any obligations.

If you buy protected land, the most helpful thing you can do is contact your rep, to discuss the specifics of your covenant.



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