

# MACHINE THINNING & MORE

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## BACKGROUND

- The problem to solve.
  - Steep slope mechanised thinning solutions with options for biomass extraction.
  - Also provide a solution to apply pruning mechanisms, and other attachments.
    - Address future economic, health, safety and environmental realities.
    - Attract staff.

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## APPROACH

- High-level summary of the approach taken.
  - Scan technologies for waste and extraction thinning in NZ and overseas. Analyse for applicability.
  - Identify technologies to meet needs not covered by existing systems.
  - Develop concepts around these technologies.
  - Use small workshops to evaluate and progress the technologies.

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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE

- Conclusions from technology scan – we can do better.
- Limitation of existing technologies for NZ context – steep, broken land, fragile soils, aggressive throughput requirements, high costs.
- Improving existing technologies. Multitool and attachments, mini machine and attachments.
- Novel tech eg: UAV

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## **WHERE TO FROM HERE?**

- **The project is ongoing. Next steps.**
- **Detail concepts so they are clearly understood.  
Analyse the output of detailed 3D models.**
- **Work with industry through workshops and refine.  
Desktop evaluate potential against solution requirements.**
- **Consider further developing, plans for testing, adoption, and high level timelines.**

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## **Implications for industry**

- **A fresh look at a potential and increasing wider problem.**
- **The wider problem is industry credibility and profitability.**
- **The potential to move towards addressing that problem.**

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## INVOLVEMENT FROM INDUSTRY

- Support to tease through the credibility of presented technologies.

- What support do you need from industry partners.

I have a number of heads of industry who have supported my work in mature harvesting aspirations.

- Acknowledge support from industry partners to date.

I would like to thank them for that support.

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