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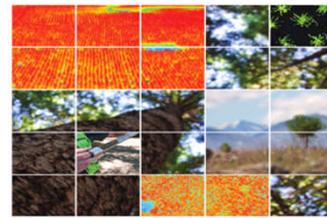


Housekeeping Matters



Strategic Drivers of Research

New Zealand Forest Growers' 2017 Science and Innovation Plan



Research and development to
increase the profitability and sustainability of
the New Zealand forest-growing sector

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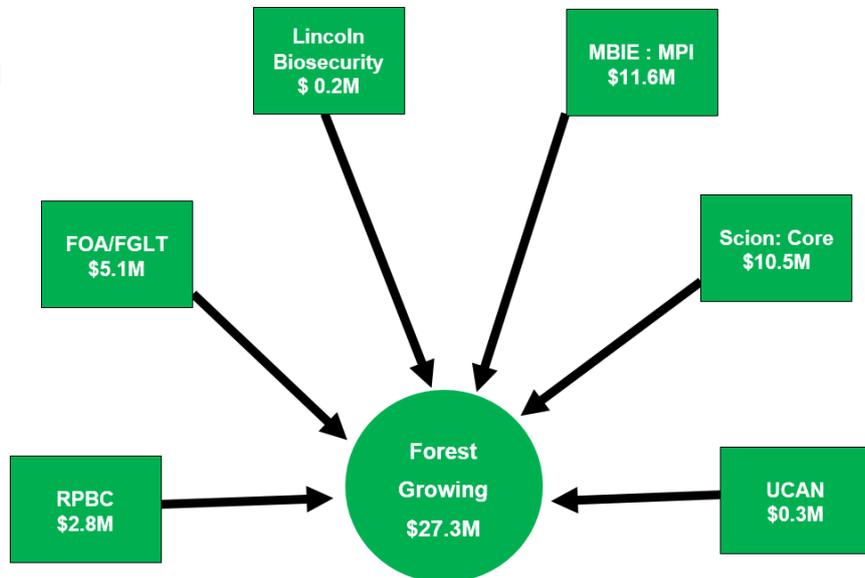


Key Research Objectives

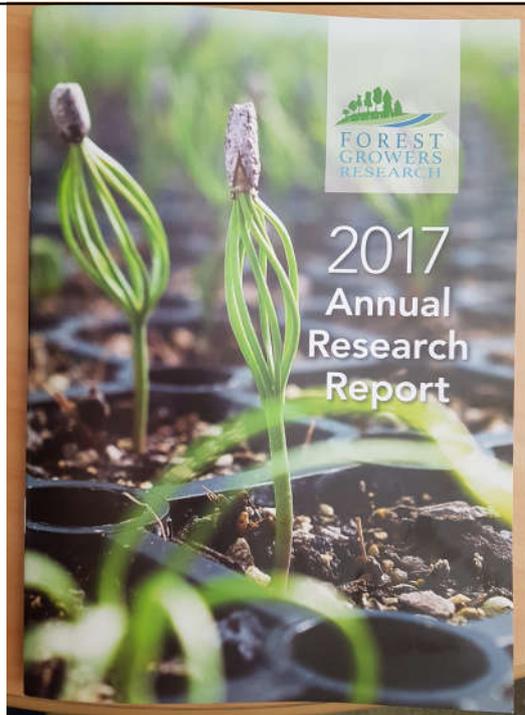
- Protect forest assets and markets from adverse factors
- Improve productivity and uniformity of resource
- Sustain and enhance forestry's community licence to operate
- Improve efficiency and safety in operations and supply chain
- Ensure species options for diversity of sites and markets

**To improve profitability and sustainability of
Forest Growers**

Significant Leverage for Industry Funding



Programme Highlights



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- **Steepland Harvesting**
A catalyst for significant industry change
- **Remote Sensing Technologies**
Widespread industry adoption
- **Forest Productivity**
Has identified large cost of sub optimal management

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- **Needle Diseases**
Huge gain in knowing the enemy
- **Seedling Health**
Benefits in reducing chemical use and increasing use of biological agents
- **Specialty Species**
Enhanced programme to raise confidence in alternatives
- **Licence to Operate**
Community licence is critical – ignore at our peril

Industry Engagement Essential

- Significant in kind industry investment
- 25 research programmes supported in 2017 - \$5.1m
- 28 senior industry and research people on Forest Research Committee, Forest Growers Research and Programme Steering Groups
- 30 industry people on Technical Steering Teams working with researchers to shape and deliver the research and outputs to industry



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