



**OUR LAND  
AND WATER  
SYMPOSIUM**  
Kia Mauri Ora te Whenua

National  
**SCIENCE**  
Challenges

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FUTURE LANDSCAPES

# Physiographic Environments of New Zealand

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## FUTURE LANDSCAPES

In the future landscapes contain mosaics of land use that are more resilient, healthy and prosperous than today.

### Strategic Area 1

*Be able to see what diversity is possible and match land use to what it is suitable for.*

### Strategic Area 2

*Understand and model the management of land and water quality.*

### Strategic Area 3

*Provide the novel production systems that use healthy land and water to generate high-value products.*



## INCENTIVES FOR CHANGE

New Zealand's primary producers are well-rewarded for producing high-value products in sustainable ways.

### Strategic Area 4

*Capture and share with the producers more of the value consumers associate with our products.*

### Strategic Area 5

*Increase and share value based on mechanisms that rewards sustainable land use and high-value products.*

### Strategic Area 6

*Enable communities to identify and adopt sustainable land use practices.*



## CAPACITY FOR TRANSITION

We understand what it will take, and have the tools to help us, transition to resilient, healthy and prosperous futures.

### Strategic Area 7

*Increase our social capital so that we can have well informed debate about alternative futures.*

### Strategic Area 8

*Act as kaitiaki, being responsible for our actions within enterprises, in a catchment and beyond.*

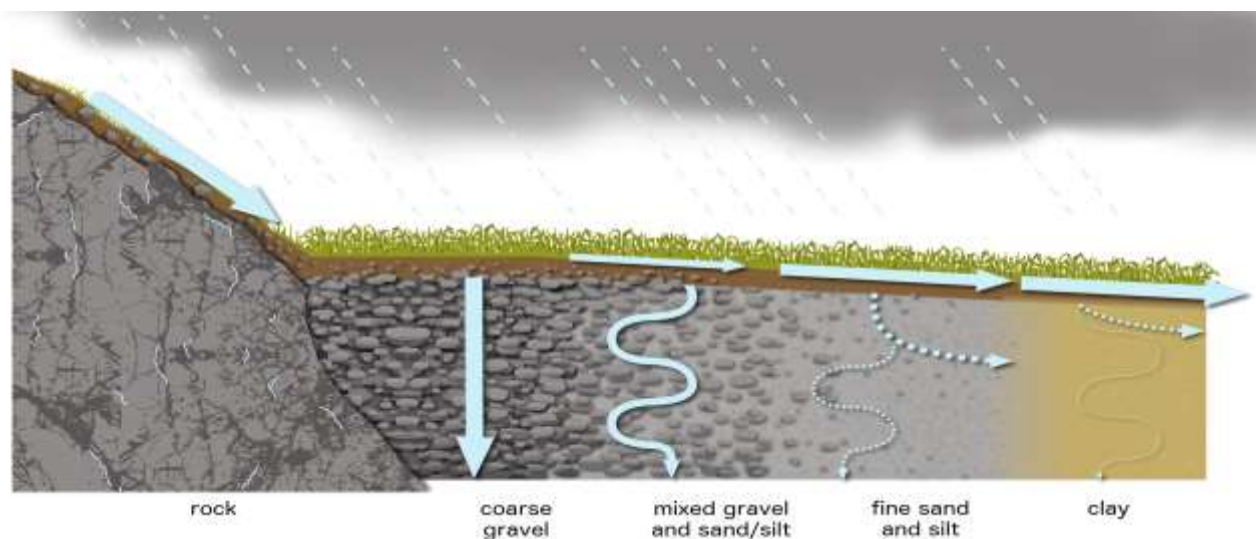
### Strategic Area 9

*Manage pressures and remove the barriers to a transition.*

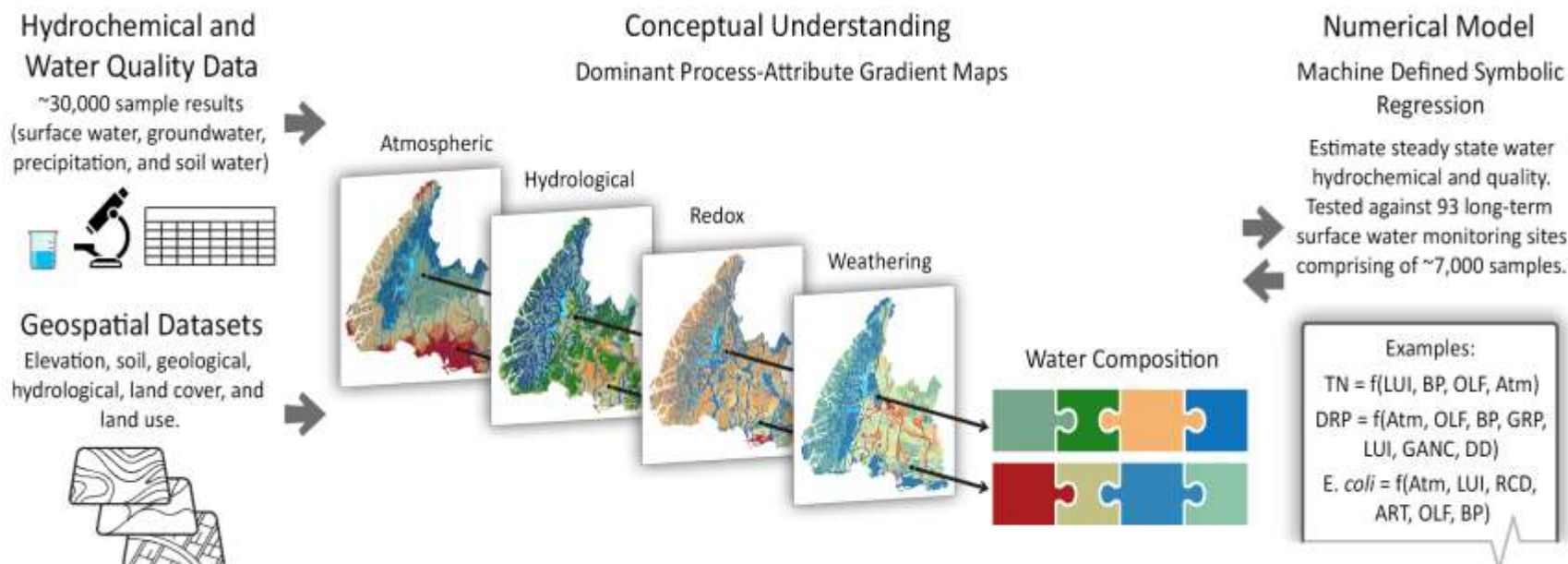
## What is the problem?

The role of the landscape in water quality outcomes is not integrated in a way that is relevant to land users

- Thousands of scientific articles demonstrate the key processes controlling water quality
- Utilise existing national and regional geospatial and water quality datasets



# What is the solution?



Science of the Total Environment (2019) 672: 815–833

## Southland Region Example

Spatial variation in water quality is a function of the landscape and land use

- Built upon landscape data
- High accuracy: cross validated  $R^2$  of 0.81 – 0.95 for TN, NNN, TP, DRP  
 $R^2$  of 0.72 – 0.73 for TSS and E.coli
- Using data to reveal the grain of the landscape most important to water quality outcomes



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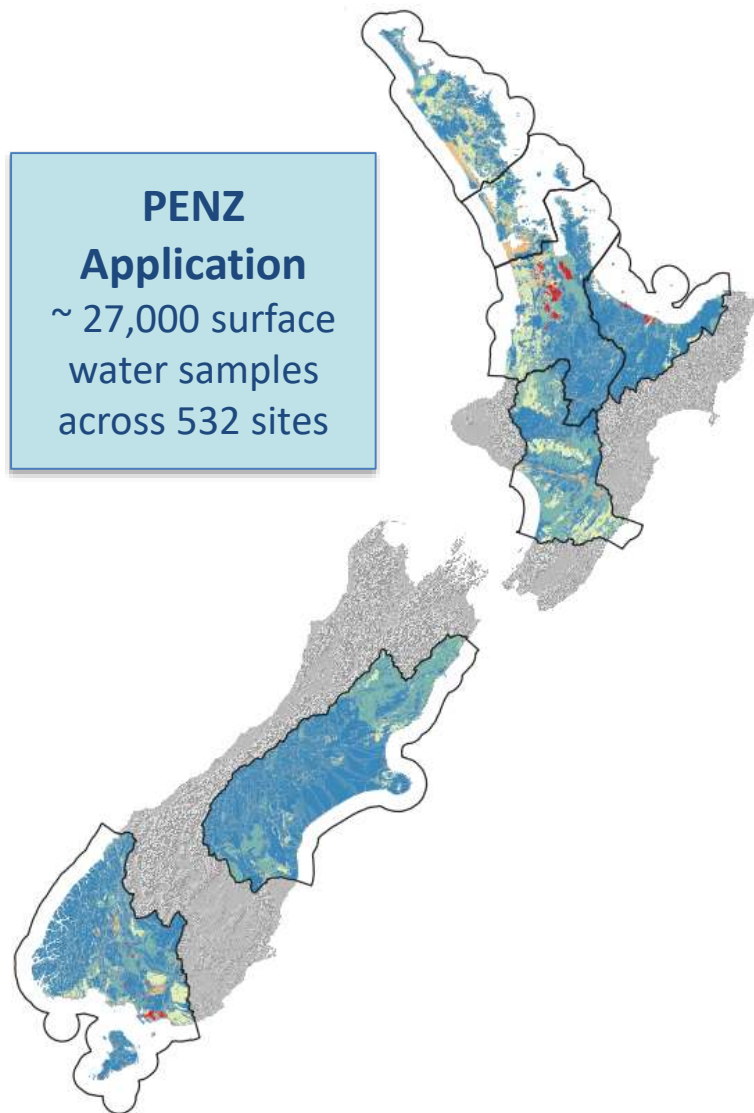
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# Who is using the research to make a difference?

## **PENZ Regional Councils**

- Northland
- Auckland
- Waikato
- Bay of Plenty
- Horizons
- Canterbury
- Southland

**PENZ  
Application**  
~ 27,000 surface  
water samples  
across 532 sites



## **Sustainable Farming Fund Project**

- Outreach education portal
- Designed by farmers for farmers



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## How is it building towards the Our Land and Water goal?

- Sustainable Farming Fund key to delivering Physiographic Environment Science to end-users
- Help land users to understand the lands natural capital
- Inform decisions regarding land management and mitigations
- Ultimately minimise environmental impacts



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# Collaborators

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