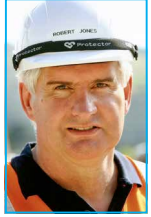


Landscaping works to begin this winter



It is a clear sign of progress when the project team need to consider our landscaping works, particularly as this project has a significant landscaping programme, with 120 hectares to be planted over the next three winter seasons.

This initial planting will be completed in our five-year construction programme, with successional planting and maintenance to follow as part of the 25-year maintenance contract.

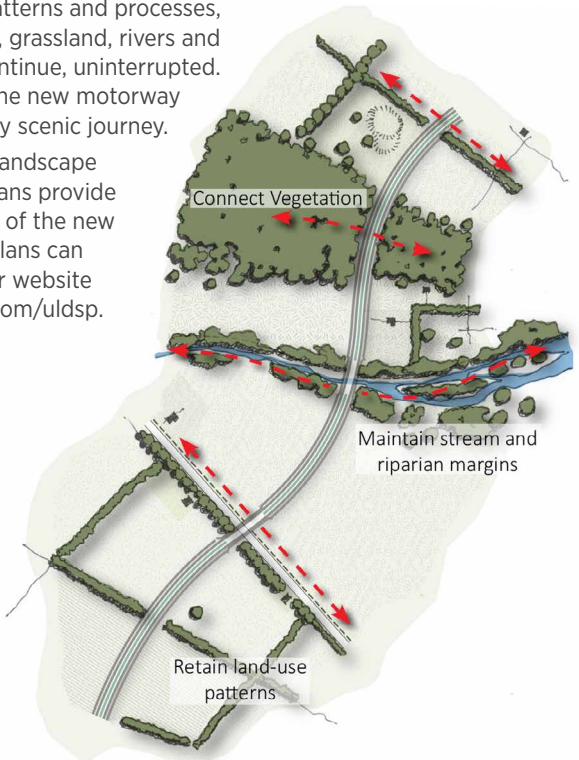
Planting is generally undertaken in the winter months when water is plentiful for plants to absorb and establish. The focus areas for the 2019 winter planting season are areas outside of the construction footprint which are not being used as laydown or storage areas. To prepare these future planting areas, pest control has commenced and new fencing installed for site protection.

A two-stage planting method has been developed to enable the integration of the landscape work with the ecological mitigation planting. It mimics the natural process of plant succession, increasing plant survivability.

The new motorway will deliver a clean uncluttered highway, a stitched together landscape and will celebrate the cultural footprint and values of mana whenua. Conceptually, this means that the motorway allows the landscape patterns and processes, including forests, grassland, rivers and local roads to continue, uninterrupted. Those who use the new motorway can expect a truly scenic journey.

Our Urban and Landscape Design Sector Plans provide the detail design of the new motorway. The plans can be viewed on our website www.nx2group.com/uldsp.

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