



Section 4

Have Your Say

4.1 What are the key issues and what should we be doing?

To stimulate your thinking and help shape your responses to this discussion paper there is a list below of key issues and major areas of concern that have emerged from this study. You may, however, consider that there are other important points and views that have not been addressed and your thoughts on any such matters are welcomed.

The fundamental question is:

What are the future roles of indigenous vegetation on private land?

Addressing this question involves assessing the following:

- The implications of the divergent views about the values and uses of native plants
- The language we use to discuss the topic and its impact on communication processes
- The effects of current laws, policies and central and local government organisations
- Economic constraints, risks and opportunities
- Appropriate market structures and roles
- The scope and focus of current research and knowledge accumulation
- Overcoming soured relationships between landowners, public agencies and special interest groups
- The implications for New Zealand's biodiversity
- Traditional and practical values and taonga for tangata whenua
- Recognition of the value and potential of ecosystem services
- Our sense of place.

4.2 Developing a vision

To further assist the development of your thinking about these issues, two graphic representations of New Zealand are provided. Graphic 1 attempts to represent New Zealand current land uses practices

and vegetative cover on both conservation and private lands. Graphic 2 differs in that it treats the private land as a 'blank canvas' and there is an opportunity to develop your vision of the future of native plants on these lands using this resource.

If you wish you may send a copy of this exercise as part of your submission.

4.3 Making a submission

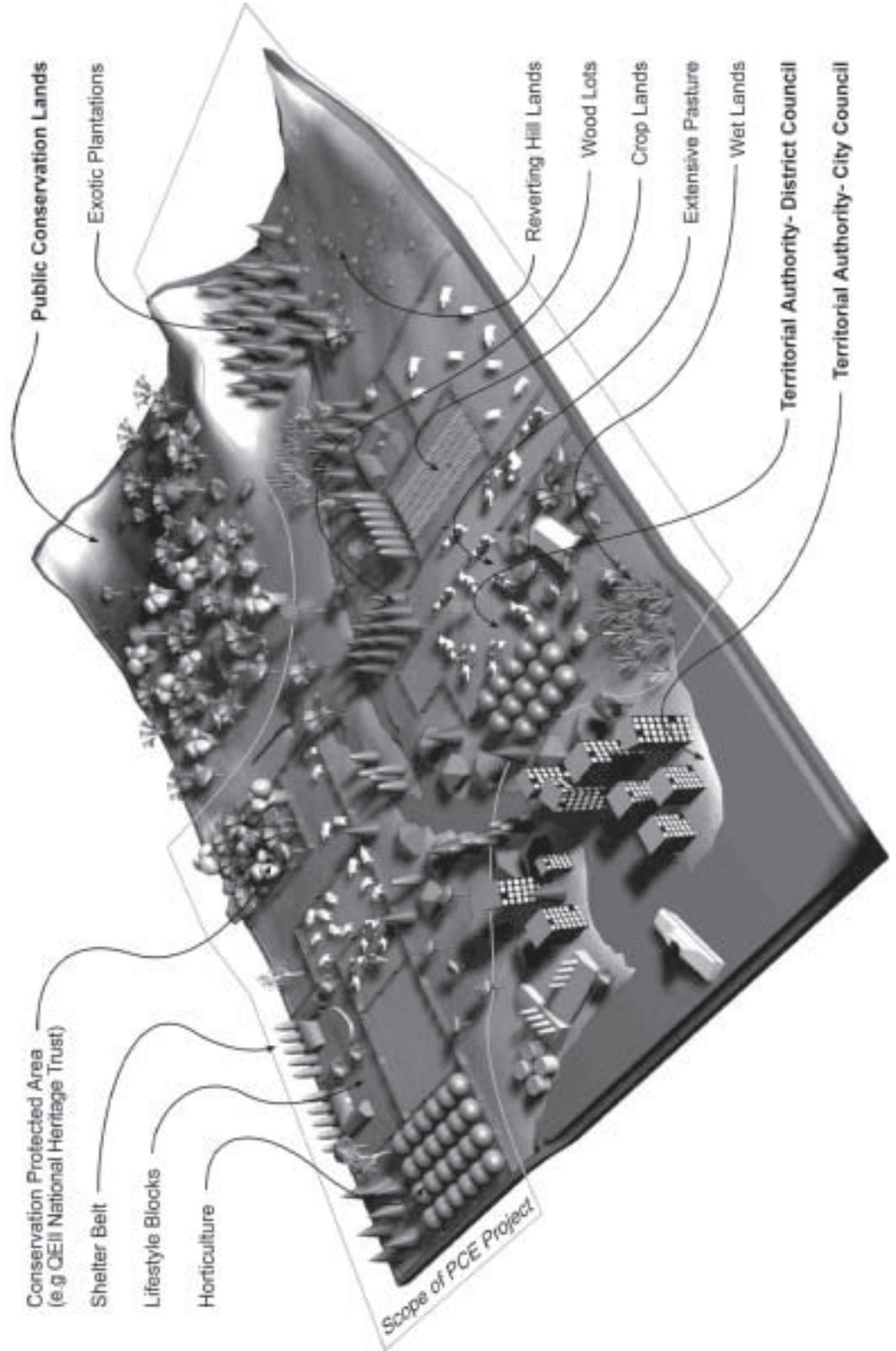
Responses to this discussion paper are invited. The responses should be marked "Weaving resilience into our working lands" and sent by **31 October 2001** to:

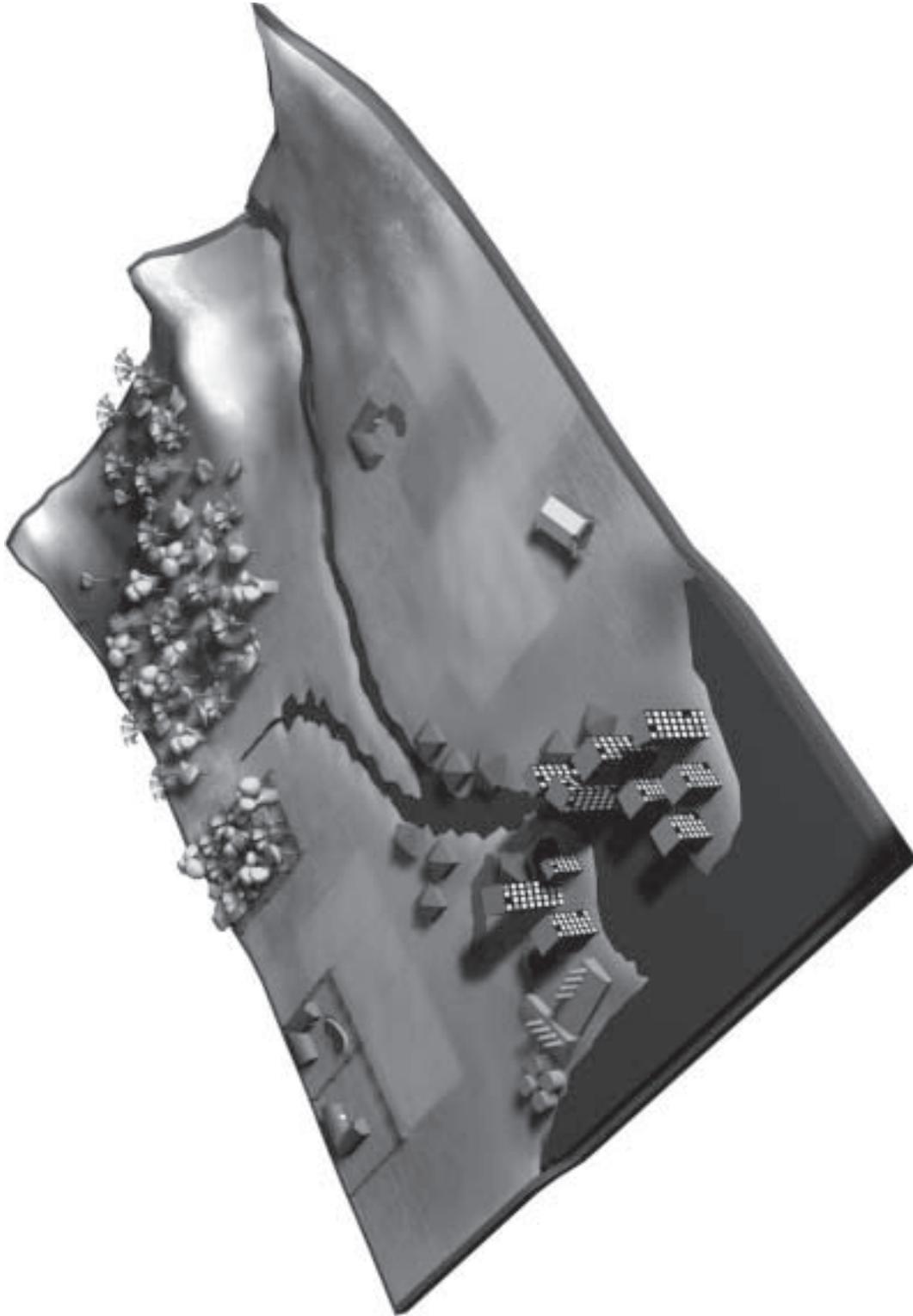
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A report summarising the responses to this paper will then be published and made available via the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's website (<http://www.pce.govt.nz>). Any further contribution to advancing the role of native plants on private land, as part of New Zealand's sustainable development, will depend on the most appropriate and effective means by which the PCE and/or other agencies or groups might advance the priority issues.



Graphic 1 Representation of current New Zealand land use practices and vegetative cover on conservation and private lands





Graphic 2 Representation of New Zealand private land: a blank canvas resource