

## **Lake Benmore islands wilding conifer control**

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**Summary** Wilding conifers are currently targeted through a national program to coordinate control on a wide scale, with the aim to reduce the extent of conifers and their adverse effects on biodiversity and agricultural values. Boffa Miskell Ltd is carrying out control of wilding conifers on islands within Lake Benmore (Canterbury, NZ) as part of their contract with Land Information New Zealand to deliver bio-security services on unallocated crown land. Project

management of this operation is complex, with the presence of water, steep terrain, endangered species and public opposition affecting the methodology and timeframes selected.

Pete will discuss the significance of wilding conifer control at this site and on a national scale, as well as the challenges and opportunities presented by this project.

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