

Adaptive pathways for wilding conifers - 10th August 2026

Are you involved in the management, operations, and control of wilding conifers? Your input can help the development of an innovative new tool for wilding conifer management.

Our group—the Viva la Resistance research programme—is developing a spatially explicit adaptive pathways model for end-users and stakeholders. This model will integrate current and ongoing research knowledge on wilding conifer control with management decisions, future landscape transitions, and long-term strategic options. But, to maximise model utility and make it fit-for-purpose, we need to know what contexts, scenarios, decisions, and outputs are most critical from the perspective of knowledgeable stakeholders: in other words, you.

We are organizing a two-hour in-person workshop where we invite you to discuss what aspects of this model would be most desired from a landowner, land-manager, or operations manager. We desire feedback on:

- What scale of modelling would be most useful to you?
- What species would you like us to incorporate?
- What are the likely management scenarios that you, as stakeholders, would like to explore (e.g., boom spray, intensive grazing, ground control, native plant restoration, doing nothing), and at what invasion stages would various scenarios be most important?
- What are the high-priority inputs to consider (i.e., what are the most important variables and data that should go into the model)?
- What outputs, metrics, and values are crucial?
- For the model, what value do you place on model interactivity, predictive accuracy, and degree of uncertainty for various inputs and output parameters?

This meeting is intended to help guide our overall focus and design of the adaptive pathways framework to make the model as useful and robust as possible. The workshop will take place 3–5 PM on the afternoon before the 2026 Wilding Pine Conference at the Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill on August 10th.

Places are limited so please register early at this link:

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