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Growing back better - What are our shared priorities?

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Cyclone Gabrielle -

An unprecedented shock



Apple and pears: severely impacted

Horticulture on-farm impacts are estimated at \$1.2b to \$1.6b (63% of total primary sector on-farm losses).



Lost production and associated revenue in 2023



Clean-up costs including silt/ debris removal and disposal

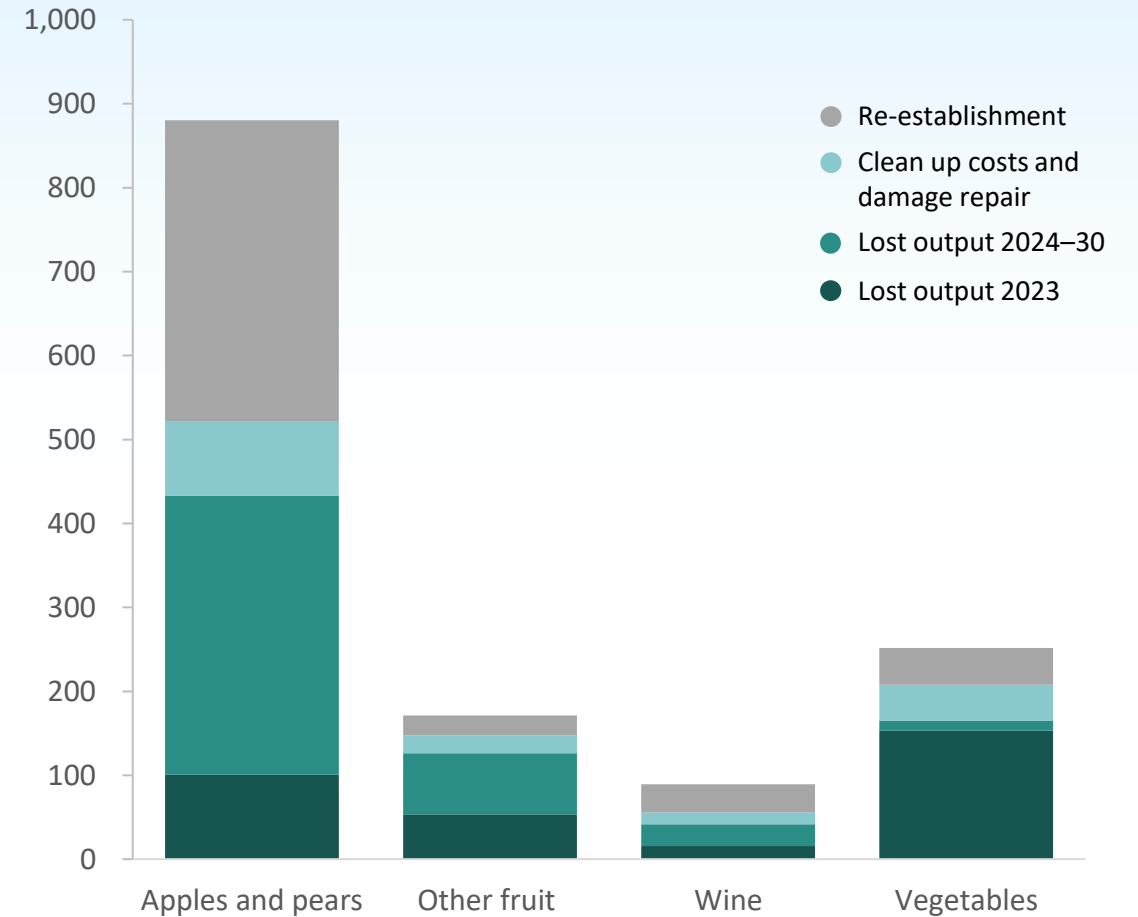


Rebuild costs and lost production until new trees/vines reach maturity



Loss of revenue for processors and exporters

Estimated on-farm impacts from Cyclone Gabrielle (\$NZ million)



Source: MPI estimates.

The response and recovery

Government has provided \$227 million for the food and fibre sector:

- \$74m Primary Sector Response Fund
- \$70m Clearing & removing silt on commercial properties
- \$30m Debris & sediment removal from whenua Māori
- \$30m Primary Industries Recovery Fund
- \$10m Slash removal
- \$5m Isolated Rural Communities Recovery Fund
- \$4m Rural Community Support Fund
- \$4m Initial Recovery Mobilisation Fund

And....

A new package of financial support went live yesterday for businesses, orchards, and farms:

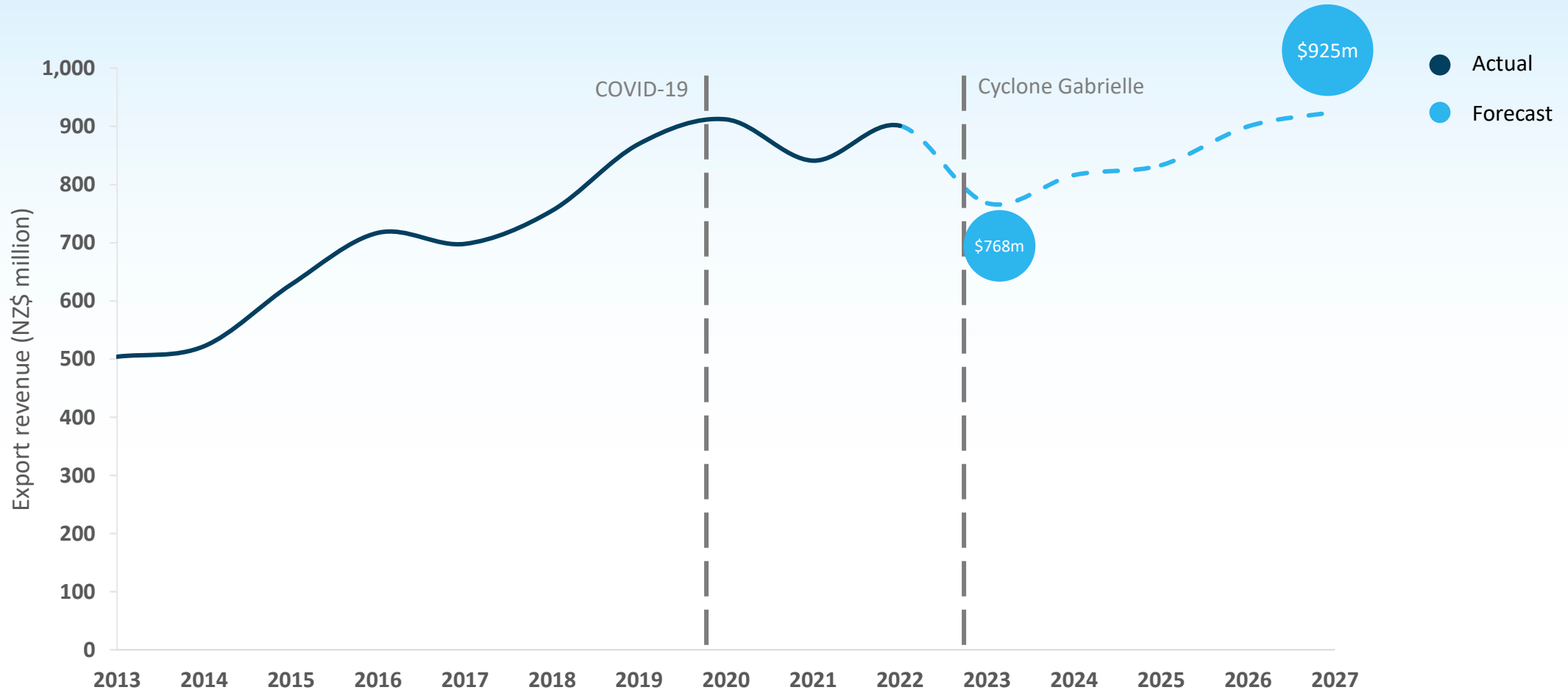
- **Business Loan Guarantee Scheme** The government has provided an underwrite to banks to enable them to provide access to money at **interest rates lower and with other terms** better than would be available without Government backing.
- **Primary Producer Finance Scheme** This Scheme is available to businesses that cannot currently access additional commercial finance (including through the Business Loan Guarantee Scheme).

Support will be heavily concessionary (e.g. **no interest during periods of negative cashflow**), and other arrangements (including terms, repayments etc) will be tailored to suit the businesses.

Food and fibre: despite headwinds, the engine of our economy



Apples and pears: what is the story beyond export revenue?



Year to 31 December

Source: Stats NZ and MPI

Yet, domestic consumer prices have never been higher



Looking ahead: the global context is shifting

Climate change will bring:

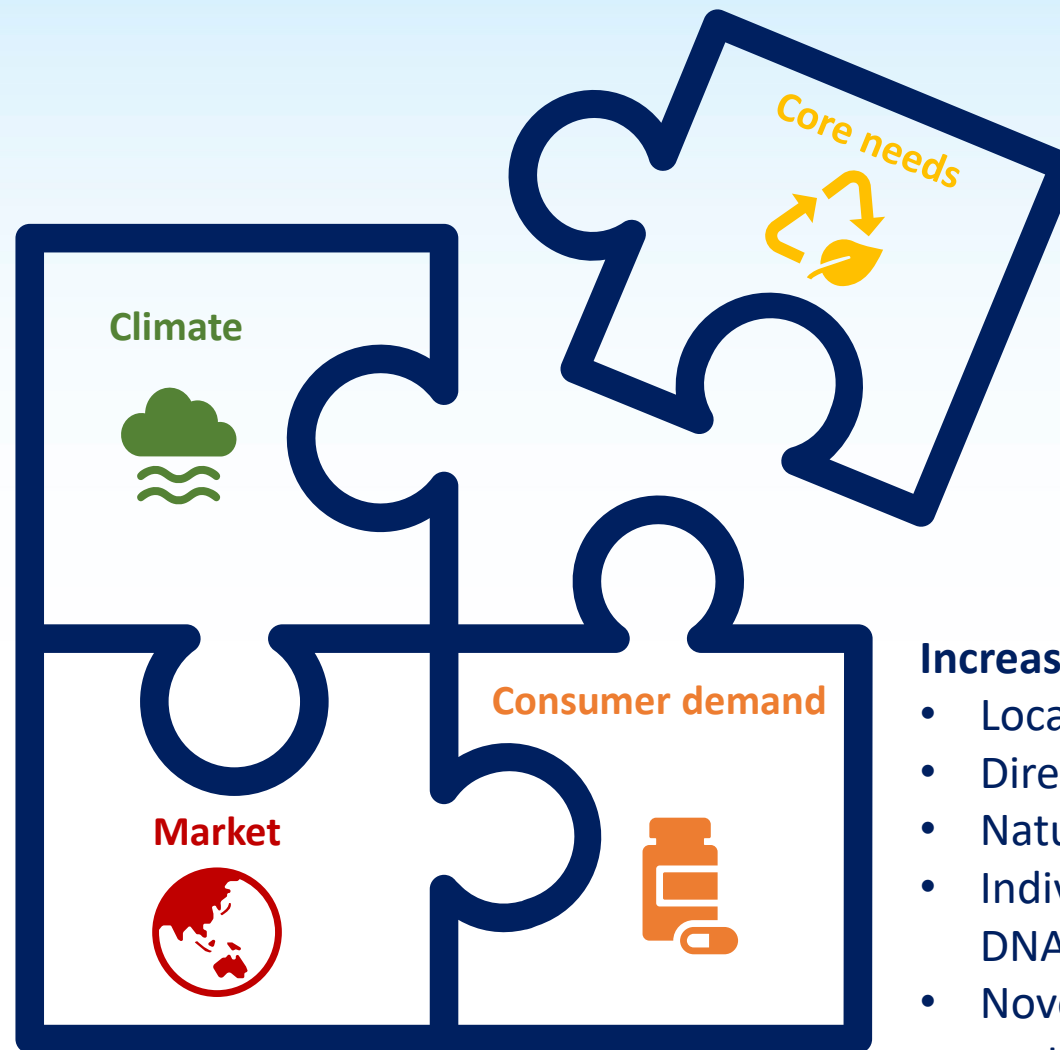
- Risks
- Some (comparative) opportunities

Expect price premiums for certainty of supply in volatile climates.

Three billion new consumers will enter the **global middle class** by 2050.

New opportunities to come from....

- Vietnam
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- India
- Bangladesh
- Pakistan



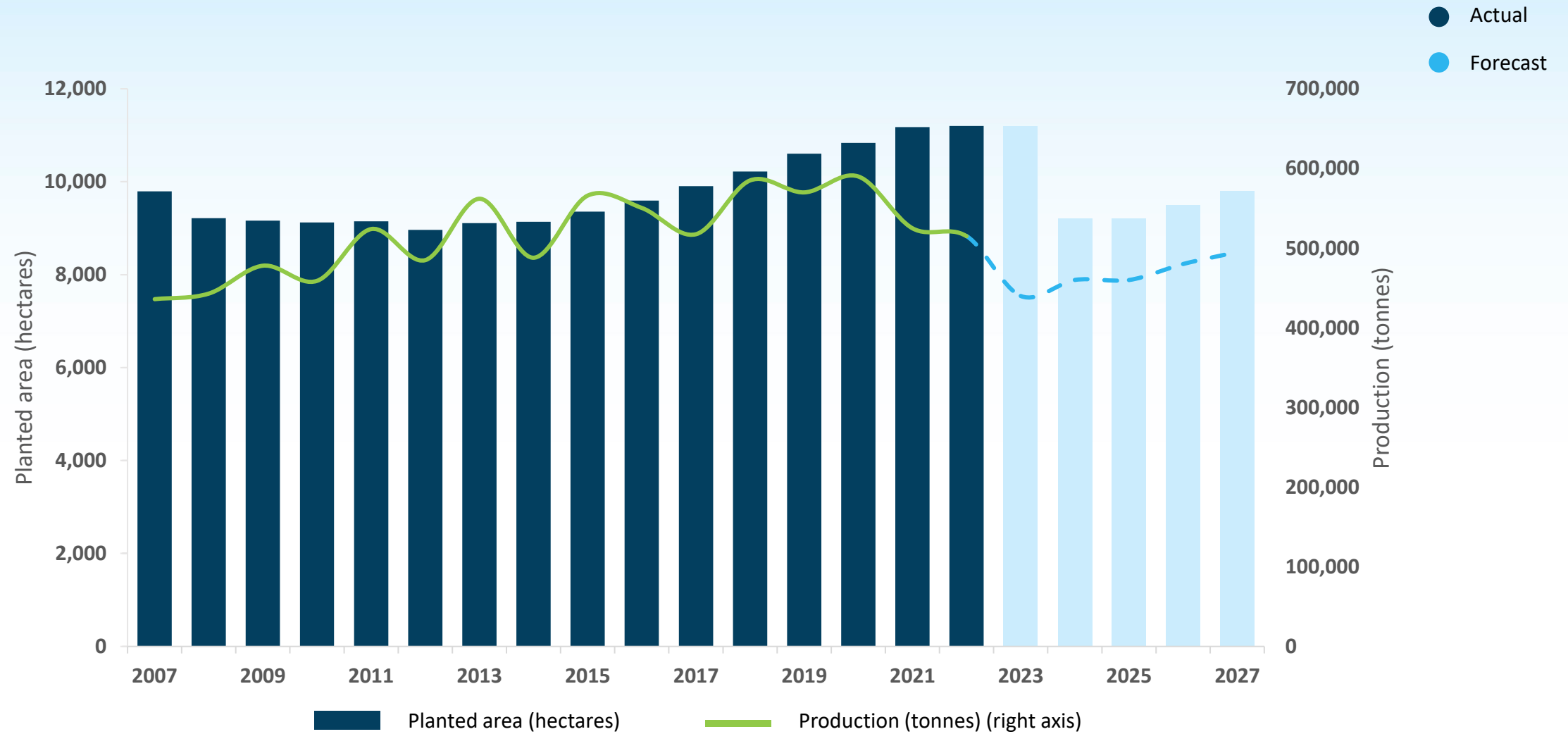
Increased **consumer focus**:

- Sustainability
- Ethics
- Food Sovereignty

Increased **consumer interest in**:

- Locally grown/sourced food
- Directly sourced food (no shops)
- Natural and ethical foods
- Individualised food (tailored to DNA)
- Novel food (GM/Alternative proteins)
- Gastro-experiences with their food

The story of apples and pears: where to from here?



What are we already doing?



Maintaining, improving, and opening **market access** – e.g. Japan and Taiwan



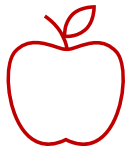
Ensuring the sector has the permanent and seasonal **workforce** it needs – e.g. RSE policy review



Optimising production, processing and **innovation** – e.g. delivery of Horticulture Action Plan



Re-establishing **pipfruit orchard monitoring** and performance programme



Biosecurity protection and pest/disease resilience – e.g. new Plant Health & Environment Laboratory



Sustainable Food and Fibre Future Projects: **Smart and Sustainable & Future Orchard Planting Systems**

What are our (shared) priorities now?

