# Wilding Conifer Data Nominated for Spatial Excellence Award



LINZ's work helping authorities fight wilding conifers – an invasive pest tree that poses a threat to our ecosystems and economy – has earned Land Information New Zealand a spot in the finals of this year's Spatial Excellence Awards in the category Environment and Sustainability. LINZhave developed a web-based a mapping and monitoring tool that makes local data about wilding conifer populations instantly accessible so authorities can assess and improve their efforts to control them.

Wilding conifers have been spreading quickly in many parts of New Zealand, drastically altering the landscape, threatening to take over native forests and even farm land.

Launched in mid-2017, LINZ led the development of the wilding conifer information system which will underpin the national wilding conifer management programme – a partnership between LINZ, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Department of Conservation, regional and district councils, forestry, farming and community groups.

The New Zealand Spatial Excellence Awards are an annual event to celebrate the achievements of top spatial information organisations and individuals. LINZ is one of the founding partners.

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