

RURAL POLICING IN NEW ZEALAND

Quick Fact Sheet

Community Patrols of New Zealand (CPNZ) works alongside New Zealand Police to support safer rural communities through visibility, prevention, community engagement, and information sharing.

Rural Crime Statistics

67%

of surveyed farmers experienced or suspected crime on their properties in 2023.

Nearly 50%

did not contact police because they believe officers were too stretched or unlikely to respond.

\$48 million

paid out in rural theft claims over a five-year period.

Key Rural Policing Challenges

- Geographic isolation
 - Limited police resources
 - Large patrol areas
 - Close-knit communities
- Officers often feel 'always on duty'

