

Cyclone Land Categorisation

Kia ora,

Thank you for your patience as we work through the complexity of the land categorisation process.

Further to the update given to provisional Category 2C residents at the Havelock North Function Centre on the 14th June 2023 and a further meeting held with a smaller resident group at Hastings District Council on Tuesday 25th July 2023, we are writing to provide you with an update on the land categorisation process for impacted properties in Havelock North.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) contracted Environmental and Engineering Consultancy, Tonkin and Taylor (T&T), to investigate a list of potential options that could provide a 1:100-year flood protection level of service for Category 2C properties in Havelock North. This would enable the flood impacted properties in this area to potentially move to a Category 1 status pending investigation findings. As well as looking at level of service, the list of potential options is also factoring in things such as buildability (including land access), engineering feasibility, cultural impact, ecological/environmental impact, consenting constraints and opportunities as well as cost.

These investigations are well underway and expected to reach completion by the end of August. A recent update on the work was given to a small resident group on the 14th August 2023 to outline the T&T work as well as gather information and feedback on the event. To inform these investigations, HBRC have a sub-contractor completing survey works along the Mangarau stream from today, Thursday 17th August and expect to have this completed by early next week. During this time, there will be personnel working in around the water courses. We realise this may be an inconvenience and we thank you in advance for your understanding. HBRC have indicated they will provide an update on the findings as soon as possible following receipt of a report and associated findings from T&T.

The next steps from here will involve HBRC assessing the list of options identified in the T&T report, alongside information and feedback from the community, with the intention of refining these to a short list. HBRC has indicated it will engage directly with you in order to gather feedback on both the initial list of options and later, the short list of options.

Hastings District Council (HDC) is continuing with priority works including ongoing maintenance and dam safety analysis, including works to create an emergency action plan. HDC is also proposing to establish a dedicated project management team to progress the future strategy and planning needed for the Havelock North Streams. This team will work closely with the HBRC team undertaking the land categorisation and together consider how the options presented could be implemented.

Providing feedback for consideration

Havelock North Streams Future Planning

As part of the future planning for the Havelock North Streams, Hastings District Council would like to gather your information and experience relevant to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle. This information will be used to ground truth both the modelling and the information being used to better understand the capacity of the streams.

You can submit your information and experience via a short online survey [here](#).

Land Categorisation Process

Further to this, and as part of the land categorisation process underway across Hawke's Bay, HBRC is collecting feedback from impacted property owners. If you have not yet provided direct feedback about the current provisional category of your property and would like to, we encourage you to do this at your earliest convenience. Our Connectors can support you through this process if required. How to submit feedback on this:

- Via the online portal [here](#).
- Visit an on-duty Connector at Hastings District Council Customer Services. You can find a schedule of days and times [here](#).
- Call a Hastings District Council Connector on (06) 871 5000

If you have any questions or if you would like to speak to someone about any information outlined in this email, please contact us on 0800 117 672 or visit our dedicated [land categorisation website](#).

Ngā mihi nui,

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Where to get help

We acknowledge the uncertainty about what is happening with your property and your community has been challenging.

If you, your family/whānau or someone you know needs help, please reach out to any of the other support services available: <http://www.landcategoryhb.co.nz/#wheretogethelp>.

Land categorisation – further information

For more detailed information on the Government's land categorisations and what they mean, please view Cyclone Recovery Minister Grant Robertson's update on assessment of affected properties post Cyclone and flooding [here](#).

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