

# Cyclone Land Categorisation

## Havelock North cyclone-impacted residents' update

Kia ora,

Again, we thank you for your patience as Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Hastings District Council work through the complexity of the land categorisation process and understanding of the significant Cyclone Gabrielle event.

Further to our most recent communications in August, this is an update on progress.

As previously advised, 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. These investigations are well under way and we expect some solutions to be tabled shortly. The next steps will see HBRC assess the T&T options, alongside information and feedback from the community. HBRC has advised that it will engage directly with affected property owners, and to gather feedback on an initial list of options and then the shorter preferred list of options.

We understand this report is now due to be finalised in late September 2023.

Hastings District Council (HDC) is continuing with priority works including ongoing maintenance and dam safety analysis, and the preparation of an emergency action plan. HDC is also establishing a dedicated project management team to progress the future strategy and planning needed for the Havelock North Streams. This team will work closely with HBRC on the potential solutions.

We do note that the \$250m of flood mitigation works negotiated between Government and Hawke's Bay Regional Council for projects that will allow properties in Category 2 to be moved into Category 1 identifies the Havelock North streams and dams.

In this update we wanted to provide you some further technical information on what we know and what we are still working on. You can link through to that information [here](#). Thank you to those residents who have submitted information into the Survey – we are using this to help inform our future planning and understanding of the event.

As described in the technical pack provided with this messaging, a number of priority work streams have been identified, including working with Hawke's Bay Regional Council on the options that come out of the T&T report, further reviewing, updating and uplifting the Havelock North streams maintenance regime, completing the dam safety review, and progressing emergency action planning.

As part of the future planning for the Havelock North Streams, Hastings District Council would like to continue gathering information from residents on their knowledge 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](#).

### **For more information**

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 06 871 5000. You can find information on matters related to Cyclone Gabrielle and land categorisation [here](#).

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