

Topic: Natural hazards

Northland Regional Council

21 October 2014, 9:30am – 3:30pm
Council Chambers, Northland Regional Council,
36 Water Street, Whangarei

Workshop goals:

Participants will:

- Understand the current approach to managing natural hazards in the regional plans.
- Provide feedback on problems with the current approach to managing natural hazards in the regional plans.
- Share their ideas about possible future management approaches for managing natural hazards in the new regional plan(s).
- Know how to continue to be involved in the development of the new regional plan(s).

Chair: NRC Councillor (TBC)

Presenters: Michael Day (NRC)

Facilitators: Ben Lee, Michael Payne, Justin Murfitt and Robyn Broadhurst (NRC)

Note taker: Jon Trewin (NRC)

Experts / scientists: Toby Kay, Stuart Savill (NRC)

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome, introductions, and house keeping

Short presentation from NRC and participants to introduce themselves

9:45 – 10:00 Setting the scene and scope of topic

A short presentation from NRC outlining what this topic does (and does not) cover and a high level overview of the current approach in the regional plans to managing natural hazard risk.

10:00 - 11:00 **Session 1: Flood hazard risk**

A presentation from NRC outlining: the current approach to flood hazard management; recent science/information gathered and a proposed approach for how it could be managed in the future. This will be followed by facilitated discussion - in groups (e.g. by areas of interest) or all together depending on numbers.

Key questions for the discussion:

- Do you agree with our possible changes to earthworks rules?
- Do you agree with suggested changes/rules for vegetation clearance and gravel extraction?
- Views on the regional council managing materially damaged/destroyed buildings?
- Do you agree with our suggested changes to stormwater rules?
- Are there any key aspects of regional flood hazard management that we've missed?

11:00 - 11:15 **Morning tea (provided)**

11:15 - 1:00 **Session 1 continued**

1:00 - 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:00 **Session 2: Coastal hazard risk**

NRC staff will do a short presentation outlining recent changes to higher level planning documents, the current approach to coastal hazard management in regional plans and a proposed approach for how it could be managed in the future. This will be followed by facilitated discussion (in groups or all together depending on numbers).

Key questions for the discussion:

- Do you agree with our key 'issues'?
- Thoughts/views on regional council more actively managing coastal hazard risk?
- Do you think that a 'coastal margins zone' or 'regional coastal environment' plan would be a good way to manage coastal hazard risk?
- Thoughts/views on defining appropriate 'thresholds' for hard protection structures?
- Views on requiring the protection/restoration of natural defences?
- Have we missed anything?

3:00 – 3:15 **Afternoon tea (provided)**

3:15 – 3:30 **Wrap up, next steps & evaluations**

- Summary of key points from the day
- Next steps in the process explained
- Participants evaluate the workshop