Site 11: Woolleys Bay

Description and geomorphology

Woolleys Bay is a located approximately 20 km north of Whangarei.

The site is a pocket beach embayment situated between two headlands of Kaone Point in the north and an unnamed headland in the south. The shoreline is approximately 800 m long.

The beach comprises medium to coarse sand with a portion of shell. The beach has a minimal berm along the shoreline. A stormwater outlet enters the site near the southern end of the site, which has caused a local retreat of the dune toe.

The site has a healthy dune system which is well vegetated with spinifex. The dune elevation is relatively high and ranges from RL 3 to 10 m.

A stream enters the shoreline at the northern end of the site. The stream flows behind the northern 300 m of the shoreline forming a relatively low lying barrier spit that is approximately 50 m wide.

The sand sediment is moving in a northerly direction and has blocked off the stream in the past. A groyne structure has been constructed on the southern side of the stream mouth.

Local considerations

There are no erosion protection structures located at this site.

The relatively narrow spit located at the northern end of the site is influenced by both coastal and fluvial processes. Therefore, this entire section of the site (cell 11A) is considered to be susceptible to erosion hazard and is not suitable for development.

Coastal Erosion Hazard Assessment

The site is split into four cells based on differences in geomorphology, dune height and shoreline movement trends.

Adopted component values are presented within Table 11-1. Short-term erosion values range from 5 to 20 m along the open beach. Long-term trends are variable at between -0.1 and +0.1 m/year along the beach and erosion of up to -0.15 m/year for the cliff at the east end.



Site Photograph A (northern end)



Site Photograph B (southern end)



Site Photograph C (spit)

Coastal Erosion Hazard Zone widths are presented within Table 11-2 and Figure 11-1 and range from 17 to 19 m for the CEHZ1 and 33 to 40 m for the CEHZ2. CEHZ's have been mapped in agreement with the calculated values, except lines are dashed around the eastern stream mouth to account for the potential fluvial effects and are truncated along the western spit when they intersect the stream running behind the dune.

Site		11. Woolleys Bay							
Cell		11A ^{3,4}	11B	11C	11D				
Cell centre	E	1734610	1734841	1735126	1735215				
(NZTM)	N	6063966	6063786	6063682	6063659				
Chainage, m (from N/W)		0-110	110-630	630-790	790-830				
Morphology		Dune	Dune	Dune	Greywacke				
Short-term (m)	Min	5	5	5	0				
	Mode	10	10	10	0				
	Max	15	15	20	0				
Dune/Cliff elevation (m above toe or	Min	3.1	4.7	3.0	3.9				
	Mode	4.2	6.9	4.6	4.7				
scarp)	Max	5.1	9.5	6.3	5.0				
Stable angle (deg)	Min	30	30	30	18.4				
	Mode	32	32	32	22.5				
	Max	34	34	34	26.6				
Long-term (m) -ve erosion +ve accretion	Min	0.05	0.1	0.1	-0.05				
	Mode	0	0.05	0	-0.1				
	Max	-0.05	0	-0.1	-0.15				
	Min	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.5				
Closure slope (beaches)	Mode	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.25				
	Max	0.03	0.03	0.03	0				
SLR 2065 (m)	Min	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19				
	Mode	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29				
	Max	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39				
SLR 2100 (m)	Min	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45				
	Mode	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77				
	Max	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1				

Table 11-1 Component values for Erosion Hazard Assessment

³Modified in consultation with NRC from original T+T (2014) assessment

⁴Has been mapped in addition to T+T (2014)

Site		11. Woolleys Bay											
Cell 11A		11B		11C			11D						
Time		2015	2065	2115	2015	2065	2115	2015	2065	2115	2015	2065	2115
	Min	-8	-11	-13	-10	-10	-9	-8	-9	-10	-8	-12	-15
	99%	-9	-13	-18	-11	-12	-15	-9	-12	-16	-9	-14	-18
	95%	-10	-14	-20	-12	-14	-17	-11	-14	-19	-9	-15	-20
	90%	-11	-15	-22	-13	-15	-19	-11	-16	-22	-10	-15	-21
	80%	-11	-16	-23	-14	-16	-21	-13	-17	-24	-10	-16	-22
се	70%	-12	-17	-25	-14	-17	-22	-13	-18	-26	-10	-17	-23
Probability of CEHZ (m) Exceedance	66%	-12	-17	-25	-15	-17	-23	-14	-19	-27	-10	-17	-24
	60%	-13	-18	-26	-15	-18	-23	-14	-19	-28	-11	-17	-24
	50%	-13	-19	-27	-16	-18	-24	-15	-21	-29	-11	-18	-25
	40%	-14	-19	-28	-16	-19	-26	-16	-22	-31	-11	-18	-26
	33%	-14	-20	-29	-17	-20	-26	-17	-22	-32	-11	-19	-27
	30%	-14	-20	-30	-17	-20	-27	-17	-23	-33	-12	-19	-28
	20%	-15	-21	-31	-18	-21	-28	-18	-24	-35	-12	-20	-29
	10%	-16	-22	-34	-19	-22	-31	-20	-26	-38	-12	-20	-31
	5%	-17	-23	-36	-19	-23	-33	-21	-28	-40	-13	-21	-33
	1%	-18	-25	-40	-21	-25	-37	-23	-30	-46	-14	-23	-36
	Max	-19	-30	-49	-22	-29	-47	-25	-36	-57	-15	-26	-43
	CEHZ1	-26*			-17		-19		-17				
	CEHZ2	-*			-35			-40			-33		

Table 11-2 Coastal Erosion Hazard Zone Widths

*Modified in consultation with NRC from the original T+T (2014) assessment, so width varies



