



**For now &
our future**

Long-term Plan

Engagement & Consultation

Significant issues

- Community/regional resilience
 - Response to a changing climate
 - Flood protection infrastructure requirements
 - How to pay for it
 - Potentially changing the way we rate e.g. LV to CV
 - How to repay debt from climate resilience projects (shovel ready)
- Water and land Plan
 - PCT

LTP engagement/consultation themes and principles

- Community/regional resilience
 - Pulling together – all will be impacted by climate change, region-wide approach, flood protection
- Value/benefit
 - Acknowledge everyone benefits to varying degrees, rates to reflect that
- Transparency
 - Process, topics being discussed, decisions that are required
- Trust
 - Transparency, listening, good sequencing of info release with stakeholders
- Active listening
 - Go to where people are, feedback what we heard to stakeholders and community

Our story

- We are focused on building community/regional resilience to climate impacts (in light of recent flooding and what happened in Hawkes Bay). The rest of our work is BAU + inflation?
- Our flood protection infrastructure is ageing and their levels of service are being undermined by increasing and more severe weather events. If this isn't managed the risks of flooding affecting people, property and our community only increases.
- We can accept this as a reality we are prepared to live with or we can consider options to build community resilience by at least maintaining our flood infrastructure to its current level of protection or improving it, plus collecting useful data to help us forecast and increase technological efficiency. To do this well, we need to take a catchment and regional approach to managing our rivers.
- Work on our flood infrastructure will cost. We are mindful of people's affordability to pay in the current economic climate and we are taking a long-term, inter-generational approach. This includes considering ways to spread the cost so the benefits everyone derives from flood protection infrastructure is acknowledged – direct and indirect (economic, social, cultural, environmental) – across catchments and the wider region.
- There are a range of funding options including retaining our current method; having a regional rate, recognising that everyone benefits from a resilient, thriving region; catchment-specific rates; or a combination.
- Simplifying our rating system to one based on capital value rather than land value is another option that takes a regional focus and means those with high value assets that gain greater benefit from protection, pay more.
- Repaying debt on recent climate resilience projects – there are options for that too, including tackling it quickly or repaying over the generations that benefit.

Objectives – early engagement

- Establish/build relationships
- Educate – build knowledge in the value of flood protection infrastructure as a precursor to conversations about funding and debt
- Inform – tell the story; the why; the approach
- Listen; advance our understanding of stakeholder and community perspectives
- Assist councillors with decision making
- Provide context and information for options for formal consultation
- Maintain website: topics, educational information and process; timeline

Early engagement

- Strong education/information basis
- Broad-based question/s with context
- Iwi – face to face; maintain connection
- Strong digital delivery – wider public; and targeted ‘go out to the people’ places
- Personalised key stakeholder delivery
- Specific information and connection for other affected/interested community and industry groups
- Internal communications

Formal consultation

- CD provides the significant issues for feedback, with specific options.
- The options will be honed based on early engagement
- Iwi partnership
- Promotional plan – online and conventional methods to achieve engagement for wider community
- Maintain stakeholder engagement