## Farm Environment Plans and the Challenge of Resilience

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Questions: Are current FEPs sufficient to significantly improve farmer resilience to natural hazard events? Could resilience be easily added?

Effects of Farming Activities On the Environment FEP Effects of Significant Natural On Farming Activities Hazard Events

## Susceptibility to Significant:

- Excessive precipitation
  - Inundation
  - Erosion
- -Drought losses
  - Stock water
  - Pasture & animal productivity
- Temperatures
  - Seasons
- Wind
- Snow
- Earthquake
  - Liquefaction
  - Ruptures
  - Rockfalls
  - Slumps/Slides
- Tsunami
- Wildfire

**Review** of ECan approved **FEP Templates** for extent to which they address resilience to significant natural hazard events

## **Preliminary Results:**

- FEP generally standard
- Templates appropriate starting point for discussions to reduce effects on environment
- This leads to actions beyond the level required by Ecan
- Some have add-on modules
- None specifically addresses significant natural hazard events
- Most address minor aspects of resilience under 'sustainability'

Preliminary Conclusion: a non-enforceable, add-on module & guidance to boost farming resilience could be easily added and should be developed & trialled

