



Date: Tuesday, 7 May 2024
Time: 1:30pm
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Late Reports

Ordinary Council Meeting

7 May 2024

MEMBERSHIP: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas

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8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 NZTA EMERGENCY WORKS CONSULTATION

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Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive

Appendices: 1. Letter from NZTA Chief Executive [↓](#)

PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for Council on NZTA's proposed Emergency Works Consultation. No decisions are required by Council at this stage.
- 1.2 This is an information report only at this stage, as Officers will be collating information to submit to this consultation, and this will be presented to Council or a Committee prior.

RECOMMENDATION

The Pouwhakarae - Hua Pumau | Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure RECOMMENDS that Council receive the report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council were notified on 02/05/2024 that the NZTA emergency works policy has undergone an internal review and there is now an opportunity for sector consultation and feedback.
- 2.2 The consultation runs from 1/05/2024 – 19/06/2024
- 2.3 Key proposed changes will have a significant impact on Wairoa District Council financially.
- 2.4 Attached is a letter from NZTA Chief Executive.

3. PROPOSED CHANGES

- 3.1 On 17 April the NZTA Board supported the release of proposed changes to the Emergency Work policies for sector consultation.
- 3.2 Key proposed changes to Financial Assistance Rates (FARs) and associated thresholds, include:
 - 3.2.1. Changing the qualifying trigger for an emergency event attracting an enhanced FAR to a minimum frequency 1 in 20-year event, from the current 1 in 10-year event.
 - 3.2.2. Reducing the enhanced FAR from normal FAR +20% to normal FAR +10%.
 - 3.2.3. Restricting provision of a bespoke FAR (i.e., greater than an enhanced FAR) to only those extreme events for which Crown funding is made available.
 - 3.2.4. Other changes to work category 141 (Emergency works category) and uneconomic transport infrastructure policy are proposed to make them clearer, easier

to interpret, and better aligned with legislative requirements. These are proposed to take effect on 1 July 2024.

4. LIKELY IMPACT

- 4.1 Any damage received during a weather event less than a 1 in 20 year event will need to be covered fully by the ratepayer, or prioritised/not prioritised.
- 4.2 Any damage received during a weather event over 1 in 20 years that qualifies for funding will attract a Base FAR (75%)+ 10% enhanced far, totalling 85%. This will mean 15% will have to be funded by Council, as appose to the normal 5% that Council would normally have to fund.
- 4.3 Bespoke FARs will be difficult, and only in extreme weather events.

Further Information

[Emergency works policies - review and consultation | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi \(nzta.govt.nz\)](https://www.nzta.govt.nz/emergency-works-policies-review-consultation)

References (to or from other Committees)

N/a



2 May 2024

Kia ora,

Emergency works investment policies consultation – seeking organisational feedback by 19 June 2024

One of the key challenges for NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and approved organisations (AOs) in managing New Zealand's land transport network is the impact of sudden events that damage transport infrastructure and require emergency works response and recovery activities.

NZTA needs to manage the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) so that it can sustainably fund these emergency works in 2024-27.

In recent years, more frequent and intense weather-related events have put pressure on available funding for emergency works response and recovery.

Substantial Crown funding has been required for severe nationally significant weather events, such as Cyclone Gabrielle in the upper North Island in February 2023.

We've carried out a review of NZTA's emergency works investment policies and funding assistance rates (FARs) with a goal of reducing the financial burden on the NLTF and providing greater funding certainty for AOs.

Proposed changes to emergency works investment policies, including work category 141 and the uneconomic transport infrastructure policy, are set out in our consultation document for Emergency works policies - review and consultation feedback from the sector. This can be read in full at: www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/emergency-works-policies-review-and-consultation.

Key proposed changes to FARs and associated thresholds, include:

- changing the qualifying trigger for an emergency event attracting an enhanced FAR to a minimum frequency 1 in 20-year event, from the current 1 in 10-year event.
- reducing the enhanced FAR from normal FAR +20% to normal FAR +10%.
- restricting provision of a bespoke FAR (i.e., greater than an enhanced FAR) to only those extreme events for which Crown funding is made available.

The proposed FAR changes would take effect on 1 July 2025 to allow AOs time to adapt to these changes.

Other changes to make the policies clearer and easier to interpret, and better aligned with legislative requirements are proposed to take effect on 1 July 2024.

Your organisation's feedback is sought on the proposed changes. This feedback will help us finalise proposals for NZTA Board and managerial endorsement.

Please send feedback to EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz by **19 June 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact your NZTA Investment Advisor or Director of Regional Relationships or email EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Rosie', written in a cursive style.

Nicole Rosie
Chief Executive - NZTA

8.2 LONG TERM PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT UPDATE

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Appendices: 1. Draft Consultation Document [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for Council on how the Long-term Plan Consultation Document is progressing. No decisions are required by Council at this stage.
- 1.2 Following a request from elected members at the Long-term Plan budget workshop held on 6 May 2024 the current version of the 2024-2027 Long Term Plan Consultation Document is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

The Business Analyst RECOMMENDS that Council receive the report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the Long-term Plan process Councils are required under section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002 to undertake a special consultative procedure with their communities.
- 2.2 Section 93 of the Act sets out the consultation process which must be followed and includes elements such as requiring a separate consultation document to be produced and the length of time for the consultation period (1 calendar month).
- 2.3 Normally Long-term Plans cover a 10-year time frame however Central Government has, via the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery (Local Government Act 2002 – Long-Term Plan) Order 2023, allowed those councils impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle and to produce a 3-year plan focused on recovery.
- 2.4 Councils across the country are at various stages in their consultation process with some having completed their consultation process and others such as Wairoa to still complete their consultation documents.

3. DRAFT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

- 3.1 The Draft Consultation document is attached for review and comment by elected members. We are not at this stage asking for adoption of this document because budgets are still to be finalised. It should be noted that much of the financial information is currently included is presented for illustrative purposes only.
- 3.2 The Majority of the consultation document is ready for review by elected members and we welcome comment and review of activities, projects and information it presents.
- 3.3 Pages 3 and 4 of the consultation document set the scene and the tone of the consultation process, this section has not been reviewed by elected members and is an opportunity for Council to signal to the Community its expectations.

- 3.4 Pages 10-14 relate to Councils financials and are the last section of the consultation document to be finalised before we can start our community consultation process. The figures contained in this draft version are subject to change with the majority been lifted from the current long-term plan and included purely for design purposes.
- 3.5 Pages 15-17 relate to operational and capital projects contained in the budgets still to be signed off and as such will change. The dollar figures attached to these projects have been taken from early budget versions and as such should not be construed as definitive.
- 3.6 The 5 big decisions which make up pages 19-23 are decisions which we are asking the community's opinions on, these items have not been fully costed with the dollar amounts attached to these decisions awaiting signoff by various teams.

