

Meeting of the Environment and Integrated Catchments Committee

Date: 4 December 2024
Time: 9.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
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NIWE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME DASHBOARD AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024



PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Project	Area	Stage
Wairoa	Wairoa District	Initiation
Whirinaki/Pohutukawa Drive	Hastings District	Planning
Waiohiki		Planning
Omāhu/Ōhiti Road		Planning
Pākōwhai		Planning
Pōrangahau	Central Hawke's Bay District	Initiation
Telemetry	Region wide	Planning
Pump Station Upgrades Required	Hastings District & Napier City	Planning
Scheme Reviews	Region wide	Execution
Rapid Repair Level of Service (LOS)	Region wide	Pre-project
Havelock North	Hastings District	Planning

COMMUNITY BAROMETER

Wairoa	Engagement with affected landowners and the broader community is well underway, with some positive gains. However, the process of determining the most viable flood mitigation solution is driving uncertainty.	
Whirinaki	Engagement is generally tracking well. There are complex conversations happening around potential secondary flood effects in Bayview and impacts on whenua Māori.	
Waiohiki	Enabling works are on track to begin early November and community support is high.	
Ōhiti	Engagement is well underway with mana whenua, affected landowners, interest groups, and the broader community. Uncertainty lies around the potential solution only protecting a small number of properties.	
Pākōwhai	Bespoke engagements with footprint landowners progressed further and received generally positively. Negative media coverage was received about the Pākōwhai Hall however discussions were already in place with the Trust and aligned.	
Pōrangahau	Engagement is on track, with landowner discussions well underway and the community largely on board.	

PROJECT DELIVERY PLANS UPDATE

Project Delivery Plan Status	Project
Approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">WaiohikiŌhiti/OmāhuTelemetryHavelock North (delivered by HDC)
Drafting and expected submission by Mon 25 November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PākōwhaiPōrangahau
Drafting and expected submission by end of Dec 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pump StationsScheme Reviews
Drafting and expected submission by end Mar 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">WhirinakiWairoa
STATUS/RISK KEY:	
Red (On Track / critical risk)	Cannot live with this, intervention required as a matter of priority
Amber (Major concerns / high risk)	Uncomfortable to live with this and we need to do something different
Yellow (Minor concerns / medium risk)	Can live with this but would like to do more
Green (On track / low risk)	Comfortable to live with this

PROGRAMME SPEND & FORECAST COMPLETION

Project	Project Value (Budget)	Oct 24 Spend (\$)	Total Spend to date (\$)	Forecast Final Cost	Variance Forecast Final Cost vs Project Value (\$)	Construction Commencement	Project Forecast Completion
Wairoa	70,000,000	180,332	1,884,382	70,000,000	-	Q2 CY2026 ^{*2}	Q2 CY2027 ^{*2}
Whirinaki/Pohutukawa Drive	11,050,000	288,018	1,546,562	25,581,114	+14,531,114 ^{*1}	Q2 CY2025	Q1 CY2026
Waiohiki	10,000,000	124,171	1,164,610	9,566,566	-433,434	Q4 CY2024	Q2 CY2026
Omāhu/Ōhiti Road	10,000,000	45,242	914,872	8,989,660	-1,010,340	Q1 CY2025	Q1 CY2026
Pākōwhai	50,000,000	163,532	1,395,430	50,000,000	-	Q1 CY2026	Q2 CY2027
Pōrangahau	13,000,000	76,108	438,443	13,000,000	-	Q3 CY2025	Q1 CY2027
Telemetry	5,000,000	93,423	192,402	5,000,000	-	n/a	Q4 CY2026
Pump Station Upgrades Required	30,000,000	103,040	907,225	30,000,000	-	Q2 CY2025	Q4 CY 2026
Scheme Reviews	3,978,092	161,626	1,344,393	3,987,092	-	n/a	Q4 CY2025
Rapid Repair Level of Service (LOS)	30,000,000	67,827	189,034	30,000,000	-	TBC	TBC
Havelock North	10,000,000	217,892	412,448	10,000,000	-	Q4 CY2024	Q2 CY2026
TOTAL	243,037,092	1,521,209	10,389,800	256,124,432	+13,087,337	<div>*1 – this includes c\$11m of NZTA upgrades and HBRC are working on options for funding shortfall</div> <div>*2 – Crown Manager has requested HBRC consider options to restore timeframes for construction commencement and forecast completion</div> <div>Other Commentary:</div> <div>- These numbers do not include Fast Track Funding of \$2.18m which is still to be included across the projects or other co-funding options.</div>	
Less: Pre-committed HBRC Co-Funding for Scheme Reviews	987,092						
ADJUSTED TOTAL	242,050,000	1,521,209	10,389,800	256,124,432	+13,087,337		

KEY PROGRAMME METRICS

Cost of delivery	Currently tracking within Programme Funding envelope with the exception of Whirinaki. We are working through various options for funding of the shortfall in Whirinaki currently.	
Timeframe of delivery	Baseline schedules were optimistic per request from CIP/CRU in Feb 2024. Schedules are being updated to incorporate most likely timeframes. Project teams are workshoping RCP PreConstruction Memos to identify opportunities in schedules and check validity of assumptions	
Scope & Quality of deliverable	Scope still being defined across Wairoa including whether Kopu Road flood resilience can be included. Scope is still to be defined for Rapid Rebuild projects. Remaining projects have ongoing fine tuning with scale being established.	
Reputation with stakeholders	Considerable efforts ongoing for community, mana whenua and landowner engagements. Community sentiment variable, onboarding of Councillors Champions in each project to assist with public sentiment and community conversations.	
Health, Safety & Wellbeing	No incidents or near misses. Safety in Design assessments will be completed for prelim design. Health & Safety assessments will be conducted before any construction work begins. Staff wellbeing continues to be an area of focus as we build resource to manage the various challenges in the programme.	
Environmental	Proactive engagement of environmental specialists across all substantive sites to support Resource Consent requirements well underway.	
Legal & Compliance	We have been engaging with the Māori Land Court in relation to Pōrangahau, Ōhiti, and Wairoa projects, these conversations have been very positive to date and is with one of the Pae Manawa assigned to our region and supports whanau through processes relating to their whenua and will provide us with a level of independent oversight to ensure that Council is acting appropriately. The Pae Manawa are responsible for providing specialist facilitation, analysis and information services to Māori landowners and customers of the Māori Land Court to enable them to access specialist resources and professional advice.	
Public & Media Attention	Media attention continues to grow as projects reach critical milestones. Such as Waiohiki enabling works, Pōrangahau re-categorisation, Wairoa Community Consultation of options, Ōhiti stakeholder meeting and recent Muriwai re-categorisation due to project feasibility.	
Assurance	Work is still being done in this space to set up assurance and reporting processes. Various ad hoc assurance work underway with Q5, PreConstruction Specialist involvement, onboarding of Director – Recovery and Senior Technical Advisor.	

Memorandum of Understanding between Biosecurity New Zealand, Department of Conservation and Te Uru Kahika – Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa

Context

Biosecurity is the exclusion, eradication or management of pests and diseases that pose a risk to economic, environmental, cultural, social and human health (zoonotic diseases and disease vectors, such as mosquitoes and ticks) values. The biosecurity system spans offshore, border and domestic activities across all domains (terrestrial, freshwater, and marine environments).

Signatories to this MOU have:

- Critical roles to play in mitigating and managing biosecurity risks.
- Common interest in ensuring biosecurity activities are delivered efficiently and effectively and that opportunities for coordination and collaboration are acted upon.
- Different biosecurity mandates and drivers, and financial and stakeholder considerations.

Effective trust-based working relationships are essential for success.

Scope

Domestic biosecurity relationships and activities (including diagnostics, surveillance, investigation, readiness, response, long-term management) and the transitions to and from the different states along this continuum.

Relationship principles and collaborative work planning, prioritisation and delivery to address issues and opportunities in planned and reactive work in a timely manner.

Note: Signatories are also expected to work collaboratively with others (e.g., other government agencies, Māori and Government Industry Agreement industry signatories) where biosecurity roles, accountabilities and interests overlap. DOC and Te Uru Kahika have a separate MOU covering bilateral working arrangements. This three-way MOU with BNZ takes precedent for biosecurity-related working arrangements.

Purpose

To provide an overarching collaborative framework for Biosecurity New Zealand (BNZ), Department of Conservation (DOC) and Te Uru Kahika to work together on biosecurity matters.

Principles

Foundation

1. Communicate and share information in a regular, open and honest manner, and in line with confidentiality requirements. Proactively and constructively work through disagreements or conflict.
2. Work together co-operatively to establish an interactive, effective, efficient and positive relationship.
3. Recognise the statutory functions, mandates, drivers, regulatory powers and duties of each Signatory.
4. Make best use of collective strengths, capability and resources in managing biosecurity risks.

Decision-making

These principles encompass the broad spectrum of decisions within the scope of this MOU including for identification and management of biosecurity risks, resourcing and prioritisation.

Decisions impacting core responsibilities of Signatories will follow an agreed framework or process to ensure:

- A Treaty grounded approach.
- Appropriate involvement of MOU Signatories (and others) where their accountabilities or responsibilities are affected.
- Decisions are timely, transparent, and communicated to those affected.
- Support fair and reasonable allocation of costs, both financial and non-financial.
- Decisions are informed by the best information available at the time, with uncertainty treated explicitly, so decisions are not prevented or delayed.
- People making decisions have the authority from their organisation and decisions will be upheld.

Oversight and Implementation

Signatories to this MOU commit to:

- Keep the MOU current and fit-for-purpose through regular review, monitoring and reporting.
- Develop, resource and implement a collaborative and prioritised work plan aimed at continuous improvement in systems and relationships, and to address operational issues and opportunities.
- Embed improved ways of working into BAU systems, processes and procedures and monitor to ensure they are having the desired impact.
- Maintain a record of MOU oversight and implementation documents in a shared-access repository.

Oversight and implementation of the MOU will be provided by:

- Bi-annual meetings of the three MOU Signatories.
- A nominated MOU implementation sub-group to:
 - drive joint work planning and delivery, and
 - report annually to Signatories on MOU performance.



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Date:



Guiding documents

The foundation for this MOU is set through the following strategy, policy and guidance documents, which should be referred to for more detailed information about the biosecurity system, including roles, responsibilities and expectations of agencies and other system participants:

- [Draft Biosecurity System Strategy and Actions](#) (sets national direction for the system and a foundation to unite and empower participants to manage biosecurity risks in their spheres of influence).
- [Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy – Te Mana o Te Tāiao](#), 2020 (sets national direction for biodiversity) and Implementation Plans (sets out priority actions for achieving outcomes and objectives).

- [New Zealand Government Biosecurity Response Guide](#), 2018. High level information on how responses work and roles and responsibilities of participants.
- [MAF Risk Organism Response Policy](#), 2008. Sets expectations for MPI readiness and response, including roles and responsibilities of different parties. Includes a biosecurity response decisions framework.
- [Pest Management National Plan of Action](#), 2011. Includes decision principles and guidance on roles responsibilities for pest management programmes.
- [National Policy Direction for Pest Management](#), 2015 (under review). Supports alignment of pest management programmes across New Zealand.
- National and Regional Pest/Pathway Management Plans.

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