



4 September 2019

**Re: Official Information request regarding actions taken since climate emergency declared**

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2019 regarding our recent climate change emergency declaration. We have processed your request to the best of our ability under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

Porirua City Council declared a climate change emergency on 26 June 2019, setting the scene for the Council to put a greater emphasis on tackling this important issue.

Since this declaration, we have held workshops with all of our coastal communities as part of a coastal hazard mapping exercise. We now have detailed maps that identify areas that could be impacted by coastal hazards over the next 100 years, including both erosion and inundation (sea flooding). We also have a report identifying ways in which we can appropriately manage these areas. There is more information on our webpage: [www.porirua.govt.nz/coastalhazards](http://www.porirua.govt.nz/coastalhazards).

These detailed hazard maps will be released in our Draft District Plan this month along with associated landuse planning rules. The District Plan will take a risk-based approach to managing natural hazard risk. This is an important first step in ensuring we do not increase our exposure to coastal hazards by allowing further development and subdivision in high hazard areas.

Since the declaration, the Council has also been engaging with the community on a climate change strategy titled Te Ao Hurihuri (ever changing world). This strategy will be the foundation of our substantive response to the challenges posed by climate change in terms of both mitigation and adaptation. This strategy is being developed in the coming months, with formal consultation, deliberations and adoption likely to take place early next year once our new Council is elected and in place.

More information about Te Ao Hurihuri is available on our webpage: [www.porirua.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/te-ao-hurihuri-changing-world/](http://www.porirua.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/te-ao-hurihuri-changing-world/).

Please note that we will publish our response to your request on the Council's website [www.porirua.govt.nz/your-council/getting-involved/request-official-information/](http://www.porirua.govt.nz/your-council/getting-involved/request-official-information/) as we consider it is of wider public interest. We will redact your name and contact details from the published response in order to protect your privacy.

I trust that this information is of assistance and answers your queries. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Nic Etheridge, General Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services at [nic.etheridge@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:nic.etheridge@porirua.govt.nz) or phone (04) 237-5089.

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