



Newsletter - 14 June 2019

## Kia ora

As you may be aware, the Council recently made the decision to take over leadership of the South New Brighton and Southshore work that was previously led by Regenerate Christchurch.

The work has been split into two – urgent investigation into earthquake legacy issues, and a climate change adaptation strategy (which is a longer conversation).

The **Earthquake Legacy Project** is about identifying outstanding community needs that have arisen from earthquake changes to the estuary edge and, where possible, developing responses to these needs. It's clear from community feedback already received and deputations to the Council that people strongly feel earthquake legacy issues need to be resolved for the community to be ready before we can have a conversation about climate change adaptation planning.

The Earthquake Legacy Project is on a very tight timeline – it needs to report back to the Council in August 2019.

The **Adaptation Planning Project** is a separate project focused on how this area adapts to climate change in the short, medium and long term.



## What is the Earthquake Legacy Project all about?

The purpose of the Earthquake Legacy Project is to come up with a range of options and opportunities that address the changes that have occurred since the earthquakes and that support individual and community wellbeing by responding to the needs identified by the community.

Examples of earthquake legacy changes:

- If it's in relation to inundation (flooding), we mean changes in the level of service that was provided prior to the earthquakes. For example, the level of flood control that was in place.
- If it's in relation to erosion, we mean damage to existing structures as a result of the earthquakes.
- If it's about land damage from the earthquakes, we mean changes to land elevation and damage to land, such as lateral spread.
- And if it's about groundwater, we mean changes in groundwater levels.

These options would need to be practicable, feasible and not compromise the range of options available to the community when considering longer term adaptation planning.

For the Council, practicable and feasible would mean the best options for preventing or minimising the adverse effects on the environment, and complying with the Council's regulatory, operational, budgetary, and benefit/cost requirements.



## Identifying community needs

We've now held two workshops with community groups and some residents to discuss what they felt were the outstanding community needs that have arisen from earthquake-related changes in the estuary edge south of Bridge Street, and in the area north of Bridge Street.

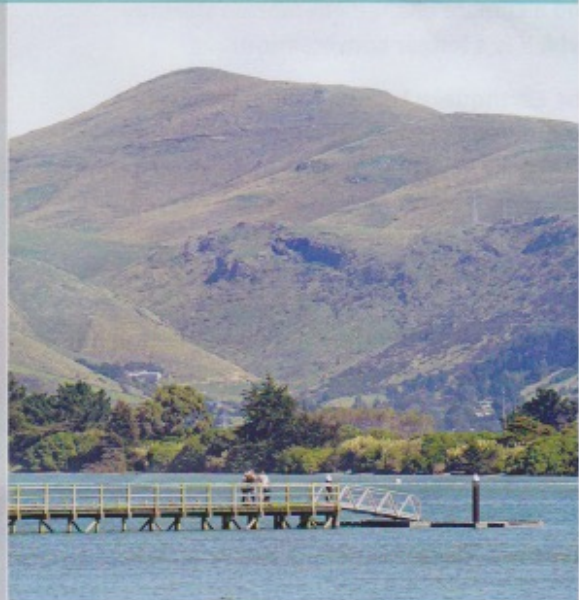
These community needs are in the process of being gathered and grouped into themes. Next week we'll be publishing them on the [coastalfutures.nz](http://coastalfutures.nz) website, to give everyone an opportunity to comment if they think there's a need that's been missed.

## What's happening next

In addition to the community needs, there are a number of other inputs to decision-making on the Earthquake Legacy Project, including technical work about physical changes to the estuary edge since the earthquakes.

The next step is to put all this information together and come up with some options for how to address the issues, and then choose the best options that meet community needs and Council considerations. It's important that we have genuine community input into how we make those decisions, and we are working with the How Team on the best way to do this in the short timeframe we have. (The How Team is a small group of locals who are helping advise the Council on the best way to involve the community - their motto is "nothing about us, without us").

We are committed to keeping you informed as this process progresses. There will also be opportunities for you to provide feedback and contribute your local knowledge - more about that in our next newsletter.



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