

# Interim Management Response Plan

## Why do we need an Interim Management Response Plan?

**A number of steps and decision points remain in the Strategy development process before we can start the implementation of physical works to respond to coastal hazards risks.**

However, coastal changes won't wait, and there are ongoing coastal hazard issues being faced by communities along the coast now.

The current case-by-case approach to management of coastal hazards is carried out by Napier City Council or Hastings District Council, with input from Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

This approach introduces some uncertainty for communities about what will happen in response to immediate issues, by when, who to talk to, and what to expect, while the Strategy development process continues.

To respond to this issue, an Interim Management Response Plan is being prepared.

## What is the Interim Management Response Plan?

**The Interim Management Response Plan will:**

- Provide greater clarity for the community on what actions can be undertaken, and the limitations on actions, in response to the management of urgent coastal hazard issues.
- Guide the interim actions the Councils will take to respond to emerging hazard issues ahead of Strategy implementation.
- Set up additional monitoring for changing coastlines
- Ensure consistency of actions with the overall direction of the Strategy.
- Ensure interim management of ongoing coastal hazard risks is efficient and pragmatic.

## How will it work?

**The Interim Management Response Plan will be used by Council staff when making decisions and taking actions to manage coastal hazards until the Strategy is up and running.**

It will support informed decisions on coastal hazard mitigations and responses, taking account of future Strategy actions.

The Resource Management Act provides for works to be done in an emergency and in response to sudden events and these provisions will remain available to the Councils to use if they need to.

## What happens next?

**Work is underway on the development of the Interim Management Response Plan by the Council teams.**

A key role of the Plan is to provide our community with more certainty about who is responsible for responding to various issues and who to speak to if you have concerns.

**We will be communicating these roles and responsibilities as soon as possible.**

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