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Regional Recovery Planning Process: Update and Next Steps

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Office of the Minister for Cyclone Recovery
Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee

Regional Recovery Planning progress update and next steps

Proposal

- 1 This paper:
 - 1.1 Provides an overview of requests for funding from the Regional Recovery Plans (RRPs) received from the North Island Weather Events (NIWE) impacted regions;
 - 1.2 Outlines the process and timelines for the consideration of RRP funding proposals; and
 - 1.3 Seeks agreement to include the funding of flood protection for affected regions, not engaged in cost sharing negotiations, through the National Resilience Plan (NRP) if those works do not qualify under the Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund and once the automatic 60/40 share of costs under the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) reinstatement of infrastructure is considered.

Relation to Government priorities

- 2 This paper concerns the Government's ongoing recovery response for NIWE impacted regions.

Executive Summary

- 3 Regions affected by NIWE have submitted RRP. These RRP, while at a reasonably high level, contain the proposals each region considers to be important to recovery. Some information is available in the RRP on costs, but there is still a lot of work to do on prioritising, sequencing, and enabling implementation.
- 4 The total cost of the RRP, as submitted, is \$9.8 billion. These costs are likely indicative and incomplete, which includes \$4 billion for Auckland Council alone. While expectations have been clear that the Government cannot fund the RRP in totality, there are sources of funding for some of the critical elements. Funding decisions are being made through the cost sharing negotiations with the regions most affected and existing NIWE funding mechanisms.
- 5 The Government has, as at 4 August, allocated and distributed \$812.9 million of funding to affected NIWE regions. This includes, initial emergency recovery funding, silt and debris removal, temporary housing assistance, business support and commercial grants, social sector recovery plan funding and recovery support for Māori. Vote appropriation for NIWE recovery through pre-Budget and B23 totals \$1.81 billion

and incorporates funding for reinstatement of rail and roading infrastructure, school property repairs and rebuild, temporary accommodation service, psychosocial recovery support and primary industry support.

- 6 The Cyclone Recovery Unit (CRU) is leading a triage process with agencies to assess the RRP. This involves working with the regions on priority proposals to get more detail on the RRP, and to assess whether there are existing programmes, funding sources, pools of expertise, or other support that can assist. This work will lead to a report to me on what can be funded (and what the gaps may be), by 14 September. Priority two and three proposals will be considered in October.
- 7 While there is ongoing interaction with the regions, work is being done on a communications approach to reflect the outcome of the triage process and to ensure there is clarity on initiatives that have already been addressed through existing central Government NIWE support mechanisms, where decisions on initiatives are likely to be taken in the short-term, and the need for more detailed planning and prioritisation to occur and be supported regionally on sequencing of work as well as the necessary implementation enablers, including technical expertise, data, and workforces.

Background

- 8 On 19 July, the CRU updated EWR [EWR-23-MIN-0058] on the RRP produced by regions affected by the 2023 NIWE. RRP have been received from all affected regions.
- 9 The RRP reflect the costs as regions see them for total recovery including building in resilience. The costings are understandably high-level at best and not all RRP initiatives have costings. The triage process will identify which RRP initiatives will have pathways for consideration (funding and otherwise) within existing programmes or Budget 23 (B23) NIWE funding allocations. Where no pathway for considering RRP initiatives are apparent, we will have choices whether these initiatives should be considered through Budget 24 or whether responsibilities sit better with local Government, iwi and private businesses.
- 10 Regions have expressed expectations for the Government to fund the totality of RRP proposals. These expectations are being managed through the CRU-led triage process. Officials have communicated to affected regional recovery managers that Government funding will not meet the entirety of funding demands and regions will need to fund many of their own proposals, and sequence them over a longer period. There is likely scope through prioritisation, sequencing, and in the make up of the costs themselves, for costs to be actively managed at the regional level.

Sources of Government funding that can be applied to the RRP

- 11 As part of the Future of Severely Affected Locations (FOSAL) workstream cost sharing agreements are being negotiated with Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti and Auckland. These agreements include funding for aspects included in the RRP such as flood protection. The cost sharing agreements will be funded through the NRP [EWR-23-MIN-0061].
- 12 There are six regions that are not involved in cost sharing negotiations but who have flood protection works in their RRP. Some immediate requests for flood management resilience funding can be addressed through the \$100 million Local Government Flood

Resilience Co-investment Fund included in B23. Ministers have agreed to focus the fund on near-term initiatives that can begin this financial year and be completed by the end of the 2024/25 financial year

- 13 Other relevant funding options include:
- a. *CDEM 60:40*: The RRP includes the reinstatement of critical infrastructure through the CDEM 60:40 mechanism which reimburses a region for 60 percent of the costs after the work is completed.
 - b. *Transport*: The Crown has provided funding to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) to support both local road and state highway response and recovery costs, administered through the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) processes. The bulk of Crown funding provided to date has been for state highway works (including the \$567 million of funding approved in NRP Phase One). Waka Kotahi is seeking \$446 million for local road recovery works in affected regions through Phase Two of the NRP. Funding is sought for Waka Kotahi share of costs, not the local authority share of costs.¹
 - c. *B23 NIWE/Lead agency*: Some funding requests are already being managed through existing agency B23 NIWE initiatives and existing agency work, particularly in the economic and social environments.
- 14 Proposals not covered by the funding sources noted above are going through the CRU-led agency triage process.
- 15 The Government has already allocated \$102 million for councils in Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti for sediment and debris management, \$15 million for the Solid Waste Management Fund, \$10.5 million for the Woody Debris Fund for Hawke's Bay and Gisborne, inclusive of \$2 million for whenua Māori. A further \$30 million has been allocated for managing sediment and debris on whenua Māori. An additional \$70 million is specifically allocated for commercial entities in Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti, including farmers and growers, to support land clean up and help them return to profitability.

Triage process

- 16 RPPs are being processed through the CRU-led triage system agreed by EWR on 21 June [EWR-23-MIN-0049]. The triage process will determine whether there are pathways through existing mechanisms (including baselines and B23 NIWE funding) for RPP initiatives to be considered and identify those initiatives for which there is no evident pathway. A lead agency has been identified for each initiative in the RPPs.
- 17 Agency leads on the proposals have had initial meetings with the recovery teams in Thames-Coromandel, Hawke's Bay, Northland, Auckland and Waikato to get a better understanding of the proposals and as much detail as possible to enable accurate

¹ Local roads are co-funded by Waka Kotahi (from the NLTF) and local authorities (from local funding sources, for example, rates). The amount of funding Waka Kotahi provides to a local authority depends on the applicable FAR (funding assistance rate). The FAR for cyclone reinstatement activities has not been determined, but the rate for emergency response activities has ranged between 91-100 percent, meaning 0 to 9 percent of costs need to be funded by the local authority from local sources.

support solutions to be developed. Tairāwhiti submitted a reprioritised recovery plan to the CRU on 17 August.

- 18 The initiatives in the RRP have been organised into the following groups:
- d. Flood protection
 - e. Roothing
 - f. Other Infrastructure
 - g. Social
 - h. Economic
 - i. Natural Environment
- 19 After initial discussion with the regions, they identified the proposals they considered priority one (for the purpose of the triage process). Criteria used for determining priority one initiatives were: safety-related initiatives; people in need; urgent financial support; flood protection; iwi relationships and Treaty obligations; initiatives that regions were trying to deliver within 12 months. These criteria were discussed with the affected regions. The first round of the RRP process is focussed on the priority one proposals which are about 70 percent of the costs identified. The triage process to assess priority two and three initiatives will begin in early October and will be completed by mid-October.

RRPs – overall comment

- 20 Across the nine RRP, the regions have identified initiatives with a total cost of around \$9.2 billion², noting that this estimate is conservative because costings have not been provided for a number of initiatives, initial estimates tend to increase as planning is progressed. Approximately \$4 billion of the indicative cost is from Auckland’s plan alone.
- 21 The regions started their recovery planning while still in the response phase. The RRP represent a critical first step and provide an overall picture of what each region considers is necessary for recovery. There are some gaps in information:
- 21.1 Many initiatives identified in the RRP have insufficient information to properly assign them to lead agencies for triage, and where more detail (including costings) has been provided there is limited visibility of sequencing options or critical enablers.
 - 21.2 Cost sharing agreements are under discussion with Auckland and Tairāwhiti. When these agreements are concluded, officials will cross-check the RRP and cost sharing arrangements to identify overlaps (this process is already occurring following the Hawke’s Bay Councils’ acceptance of the cost sharing arrangement).
 - 21.3 The NIWE have also impacted on existing Hazard Management Plans (HMP) which inform many of the flood mitigation proposals in the RRP. These HMP need to be updated with more recent climate change risk data, which will impact

² Costings are indicative only and subject to further analysis to confirm accuracy.

long term planning for flood and hazard mitigation. The timeframe for updating these plans will be different across the affected regions.

- 22 We expect regional costings to increase in accuracy in coming months, as details of cost sharing arrangements are finalised, as engagement with affected regions continues, and following further iterations of the RRP from several of the affected regions. These steps will provide a clearer idea of the scale of funding gaps, and provide a fuller picture of regional recovery need including updated costs, priorities, and sequencing.
- 23 Some proposals may be funded through agency business as usual and existing programmes. The RRP initiatives have been assessed as to whether they have allocated support (funding mechanism, technical, policy and/or analysis) or unallocated support (support mechanism under investigation and/or no support available).
- 24 Affected regions have varying levels of capability to undertake the detailed level of planning needed to identify the specific work required, and to prioritise and sequence funding proposals. While some initiatives are in train, it is likely that the funding agreements for flood protection and roading will mean that the business cases needed to access funding will lead to more refined project definition, sequencing of work over a period of several years. This will also assist with the identification of the specific expertise, volumes of workforce and associated enablers in order to get a clear sense of implementation. This in turn will lead the regions and agency partners into a more refined costing, sequencing, and prioritisation discussion.
- 25 Table 1 provides a summary of the costings included in RPPs. Annex 1 provides a comparison in numerical terms between the flood protection measures in the ‘Before the Deluge’ Report prepared by Regional and Unitary Authorities Aotearoa and those in the RRP. Annex 2 includes a summary for each region of information provided about costing of RRP initiatives.

Table 1: National Overview of the Costs included in the Regional Recovery Plans

Region	Total Regional request \$M	Cost Share \$M	Central Government Support \$M	Difference \$M
Hawke’s Bay				
Flood protection	\$231m	\$203.5m	-	\$27.5m
Local roads and infrastructure	\$2,366m	\$65m	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	\$2,301m
Social, economic, natural	\$749m	-	\$225m	\$524m
Total	\$3,346m	\$268.5m	\$225m	\$2,852.5m
Tairāwhiti				
Flood protection	\$286.8m	TBC	-	TBC
Local roads and infrastructure	\$762.743	TBC	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	TBC
Social, economic, natural	\$373.288	-	\$111.4m	\$261.888
Total	\$1,422.831	TBC	\$111.4m	TBC
Auckland				
Flood protection	\$18m	TBC	-	TBC

Local roads and infrastructure	No costs submitted	TBC	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	TBC
Social, economic, natural	No costs submitted	-		TBC
Total	\$18m + remainder of \$4bn	TBC	\$58.5m	TBC
Northland				
Flood protection	\$20.8m	N/A	-	\$20.8m
Local roads and infrastructure	\$281.5m	N/A	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	\$281.5m
Social, economic, natural	\$1.8m +TBC	-	\$25.8m	\$304m+TBC
Total	\$304m + TBC	-	\$25.8m	\$304m + TBC
Thames-Coromandel				
Flood protection	\$67.89m+TBC	N/A	-	\$67.89m+TBC
Local roads and infrastructure	TBC	N/A	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	TBC
Social, economic, natural	TBC	-	\$10.31m	TBC
Total	\$67.89m+TBC	-	\$10.31m	\$67.89m+TBC
Waikato				
Flood protection	\$3.15m	N/A	-	\$3.15m
Local roads and infrastructure	TBC	N/A	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	TBC
Social, economic, natural	TBC	-	\$7.37m	TBC
Total	\$3.15m+ TBC	-	\$7.37m	\$3.15m+ TBC
Taranaki				
Flood protection	TBC	N/A	-	TBC
Local roads and infrastructure	TBC	N/A	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	TBC
Social, economic, natural	TBC	-	\$4.295m	TBC
Total	TBC	-	\$4.295m	TBC
Wairarapa				
Flood protection	\$1.02m	N/A	-	TBC
Local roads and infrastructure	TBC	N/A	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	TBC
Social, economic, natural	TBC	-	\$6.615m	TBC
Total	\$1.02m + TBC	-	\$6.615m	TBC
Whanganui				
Flood protection	TBC	N/A	-	TBC
Local roads and infrastructure	TBC	N/A	NLTF, CDEM 60:40	TBC
Social, economic, natural	TBC	-	\$3.195m	TBC
Total	TBC	-	\$3.195m	TBC
Grand total	\$5,162.891 + the \$4,000m Akl estimate	\$268.5m	\$452.485m	\$ 3,227.54 + Akl estimate not funded

Funding Flood Protection

- 26 Hawke's Bay has had central Government funding support for flood protection of residential areas committed as part of cost sharing negotiations. Similar support for flood protection in Tairāwhiti and Auckland is under negotiation.
- 27 The other affected regions (Northland, Thames-Coromandel, Waikato, Tararua, Wairarapa) have also included flood management proposals in their RRP. These include proposals for building and betterment of flood management infrastructure that will address flood risk. These projects include more resilient flood defences such as larger stop banks and wider culverts. At least 60 percent of these initiatives relate to mitigating risk for what each region considers are equivalent to category two residential areas.
- 28 Some of these proposals may fit within the criteria for the Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund, which is to support proactive management of climate-exacerbated flood risk. The first tranche of funding will focus on near-term flood protection measures, but most proposals are for longer term flood management.
- 29 I propose inviting Northland, Thames-Coromandel, Waikato, Tararua, and the Wairarapa councils to submit their proposals for long-term flood management through the processes established for the NRP. This is in line with the scope and prioritisation set out in agreed by Cabinet in the first phase of NRP funding [CAB-23-SUB-0329].
- 30 Flood Protection initiatives within the RRP have been crossed checked against the Before the Deluge report (6 December 2022, Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa). There are 105 regional flood protection initiatives within the RRP totalling \$628.66 million. Of this, 14 directly correlated to projects outlined in the Before the Deluge report. See annex 1 for more details.

Agencies continue to triage RRP initiatives

- 31 Lead agencies continue to assess funding proposals against their B23 appropriations and existing programmes. Agencies reported to the CRU on 18 August with the final assessment of what priority 1 initiatives fit within existing pathways. I will be updated on the agency assessment on 14 September.
- 32 For proposals that are not eligible for consideration under existing and B23 funding mechanisms, the CRU will work with CEs and Treasury to provide advice to Ministers about the nature of these proposals and any remaining funding options.
- 33 A further round of the triage process, focussed on priority two and three initiatives, will take place in October.

Communications with affected regions

- 34 Throughout the triage process, the CRU and lead agencies have been engaging with affected regions on their funding requests. Initial communications on the initiatives that will be considered through existing pathways including B23 NIWE appropriations and

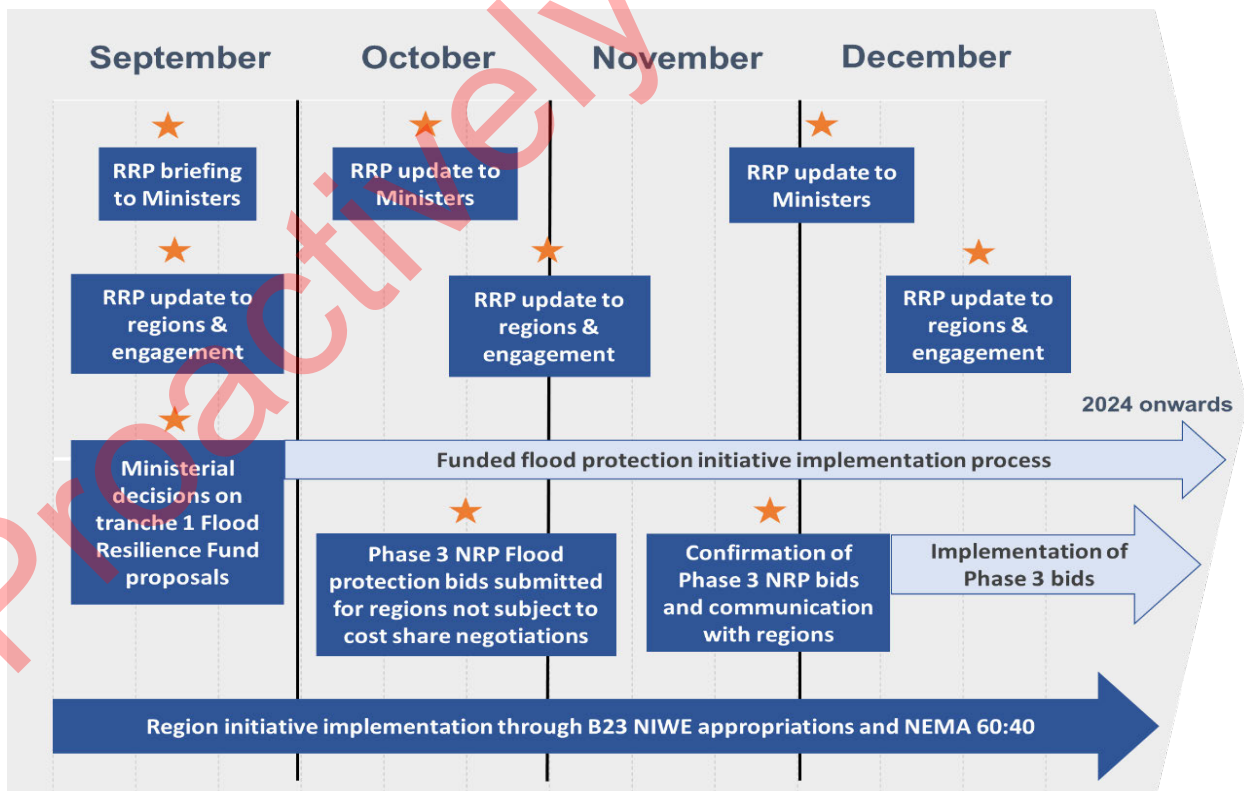
existing programmes or invited to bid for funding through the NRP and other funds will occur on 20 September, after Ministers are briefed on the agency assessments.³

- 35 Once this initial list is communicated to affected regions, the CRU will seek a final round of feedback on the list of proposals to be considered through existing mechanisms, and ways to manage proposals that we are unable to fund. The CRU will then work with lead agencies to communicate the final list of proposals.
- 36 Regional lead Ministers will be briefed in September on the package of funding for priority one initiatives arising from the triage process, ahead of the communications to regions.
- 37 The CRU is currently working on a detailed communications plan for engaging with the regions on the funding outcomes of the triage process.

Process from here

- 38 RRP initiatives are currently being processed through the CRU-led triage system, and priority 1 initiatives across all affected regions will be assessed for support mechanisms including funding, policy, technical advice, and other support arrangements. Not all initiatives will be in scope for support. The CRU will advise me on triage conclusions and recommendations by 14 September.
- 39 A timeline with process milestones is below.

Table 2: RRP Triage Timeline – RRP Initiatives



³ Initiatives suitable for the \$100m Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund have been prioritised, with communications going to Councils in August.

Implementation of RRP funding proposals

- 40 The CRU will coordinate the implementation of proposals arising from the triage process.
- 41 This coordination will include tracking Government expenditure on individual proposals. I will receive regular briefings, alongside relevant regional lead Ministers, on the course of the implementation of the funded proposals. This includes proposals that are actioned (but not directly funded) through existing agency programmes and initiatives.
- 42 Key to implementation will be the work undertaken by MBIE and Te Waihanga on workforce and the recovery infrastructure pipeline. Te Waihanga and the Construction Sector Accord have compiled information on prospective recovery projects from infrastructure providers across the affected regions. Te Waihanga has used this information to model the projected workforce requirements to deliver this recovery pipeline providing insights on the number, occupations, and location of required workers.
- 43 MBIE is using this information to coordinate advice from several agencies on workforce levers, including our immigration settings, education and training, and ensuring accommodation for the workforce in affected regions. The triage process and this work is complementary and the information available will assist regions to sequence the implementation of their proposals.

Cost of Living Implications

- 44 There are no direct cost of living implications arising from this paper.

Financial and legislative implications

- 45 There are no direct financial or legislative implications arising from this paper.

Regulatory Impact Statement

- 46 This paper does not require a Regulatory Impact Statement.

Climate Implications of Policy Assessment

- 47 This paper does not require a Climate Implications of Policy Assessment.

Population Implications

- 48 There are no specific populations implications arising from this paper.

Human Rights

- 49 This paper does not have implications for human rights.

Use of external Resources

- 50 External resources were not engaged in developing this paper and will not be required for the processes or next steps identified.

Consultation

- 51 The following agencies were consulted: DIA, HUD, MBIE, MfE, MPI, MSD, MoT, NEMA, Te Arawhiti, TPK, Te Waihanga, TSY. The following Ministers were consulted: The Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministers for Housing, Social Development, Cyclone Recovery, Emergency Management, Local Government, Transport, Finance, Agriculture, Infrastructure, and Māori Crown relations.

Communications

- 52 A communications update will be developed to ensure local authorities and community stakeholders are informed of RRP funding decisions and associated process timelines for future decision making. This will be prepared for a mid-September release.

Proactive Release

- 53 I propose that this paper is proactively released within 30 working days, subject to redactions aligned with the Official Information Act, though information about the process established through this paper may be publicly communicated earlier.

Recommendations

The Minister for Cyclone Recovery recommends that the Committee:

- 1 **Note** that the triage process for funding proposals received through RRP is underway
- 2 **Agree** affected regions not involved in cost sharing for flood protection proposals for residential areas can be assessed against the NRP business case process for potential funding

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Grant Robertson

Minister of Cyclone Recovery

Annex 1:

A comparison between 'Before the Deluge' Report and Regional Flood Initiatives

Flood Protection initiatives within the RRP's have been cross checked against the Before the Deluge report (6 December 2022, Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa). There are 105 regional flood protection initiatives within the RRP's totalling \$411.76 million

Region	Regional Flood Initiatives		Before Deluge Projects		Comments
	Number of initiatives	Total \$	Number of Projects	Total \$	
Hawke's Bay	12	\$231m	3	\$36m	No correlation
Tairāwhiti	14	\$69.9m	3	\$17.6m	2 correlations
Auckland	11	\$18m+TBC	No projects submitted		-
Northland	15	\$20.8m	4	\$17.91m	No correlation
Thames-Coromandel	11	\$67.89m+TBC	1	\$2.8m	No correlation
Waikato	17	\$3.15m+TBC	13	\$40.42m	No correlation
Tararua	4	TBC	No projects submitted		-
Wairarapa	16	\$1.02m	12	\$28.47	12 correlations
Whanganui	5	TBC	3	\$3m	No correlation
Total	105	\$411.76+TBC	39	\$146.2m	14 correlations

Annex 2:

Hawke’s Bay RRP as at 10 August 2023.

The RRP was received on 30 June 2023. The plan was updated and reissued on 10 July 2023. Version two of their RRP will be submitted in mid-August. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Roothing. **Sep – Dec 23:** Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$ (million)	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection				
Flood Protection	\$231m	\$203.5m	-	\$27.5m Region's costings being refined
Transport – Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	\$732m	\$65m	NLTF Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	\$667m
Other Infrastructure- 15 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 2 initiatives including water repair, labour provision and supply chain analysis Unallocated Support: 13 initiatives including parks and reserves, waste infrastructure and lifeline utilities	\$1634m	-	CDEM 60:40 Affordable water MBIE Labour Analysis Support	\$1634m The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional responsibility • CDEM 60:40 • Not supported
Social- 27 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 13 initiatives including urgent needs Unallocated Support: 14 initiatives	\$377m	-	\$41m Social Sector Recovery Plan/ B23, NIWE Appropriation	\$336m
Economic- 36 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 8 initiatives including support to businesses, assessing workforce requirements Unallocated Support: 28 initiatives	\$169m	-	\$51m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	\$118m
Natural- 19 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 4 initiatives including removal of silt and woody debris Unallocated Support: 15 initiatives	\$203m	-	\$133m Sediment and Debris Fund/ B23, NIWE Appropriation	\$70m
Total	\$3,346m	\$268.5m	\$225m	\$2,852.5m

Tairāwhiti RRP as at 10 August 2023.

The unified RRP was received on 28 July 2023. The plan is currently undergoing prioritisation by the Gisborne District Council and the four iwi. Tairāwhiti is still in cost share negotiating. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Roothing. **Sep – Dec 23** pending cost share outcomes: Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection-				
Flood Protection Flood Resilience Fund Bids	\$286.8 \$21m	TBC	-	TBC Awaiting cost share negotiations
Transport- Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	\$ 749.063	TBC	NLTF at Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	TBC Awaiting cost share negotiations
Other Infrastructure- 8 initiatives				
These initiatives are currently being triaged.	\$13.68	-	-	\$13.68 The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional responsibility • CDEM 60:40 • Not supported
Social- 18 initiatives				
These initiatives are currently being triaged.	\$39.335	-	\$44m Social Sector Recovery Plan/ B23, NIWE Appropriation	Region requesting \$39.335 additional funding on top of the \$44m already received.
Economic- 9 initiatives				
These initiatives are currently being triaged.	\$110.913	-	\$28.6m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	Region requesting \$110.913 additional funding on top of the \$28.6m already received.
Natural- 12 initiatives				
These initiatives are currently being triaged.	\$223.040	-	\$38.8m Sediment and Debris Fund/ B23, NIWE Appropriation	Region requesting \$223.040 additional funding on top of the \$38.8m already received.
Total	\$ 1422.831	TBC	\$111.4m	TBC

Auckland RRP as at 10 August 2023.

The uncosted Interim RRP was received on 30 June 2023. The final recovery plan is expected in September 2023 with final costings. The Council subsequently advised that it expected its recovery costs to be \$4billion. Auckland is still in cost share negotiations. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Rooding. **Sep – Dec 23** pending cost share outcomes: Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection-				
FOSAL (9 initiatives) Flood Resilience Fund bids	TBC \$18m	TBC	-	TBC Awaiting cost share negotiations
Transport – Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	No costs submitted	TBC	NLTF at Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	TBC Awaiting cost share negotiations
Other Infrastructure- 15 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 15 initiatives.	No costs submitted	-	-	TBC- awaiting costings The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional responsibility • NEMA 60:40 • Not supported
Social- 39 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 21 initiatives, including urgent needs Unallocated Support: 18 initiatives	No costs submitted	-	\$42.2m Social Sector Recovery Plan/ B23, NIWE Appropriation	TBC- awaiting costings
Economic- 17 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 6 initiatives, including support to businesses Unallocated Support: 11 initiatives	No costs submitted	-	\$16.3m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	TBC- awaiting costings
Natural- 6 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 6 initiatives	No costs submitted	-	-	TBC- awaiting costings
Total	\$18m + TBC	-	\$58.5m	TBC

Northland RRP as at 10 August 2023.

The RRP was received in April 2023. Further costed iteration that summarised the remaining support required was submitted on 30 June 2023. Most of Northland’s requested funding comes from transport. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Rooding. **Sep – Dec 23:** Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection				
Flood Protection- 6 initiatives	\$7m	N/A	-	\$20.8m
Flood Resilience Fund bids	\$4.75m			Region not subject to cost share discussions. Funding source needs to be identified.
Transport- Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	\$264.5m	N/A	NLTF at Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	\$264.5m Region not subject to cost share discussions. Funding for transport to be confirmed with Waka Kotahi
Other Infrastructure- 14 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 3 initiatives including the water network Unallocated Support: 11 initiatives, including Opuia Wharf	\$17m + TBC	-	CDEM 60:40 Affordable water	\$17m The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional responsibility CDEM 60:40 Not supported
Social- 5 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 2 initiatives including food security projects Unallocated Support: 3 initiatives	\$0.308m + TBC	-	\$14m Social Sector Recovery Plan/ B23, NIWE Appropriation	Region requesting \$0.308m + TBC additional funding on top of the \$14m already received.
Economic- 2 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 1 initiative, support for growers Unallocated Support: 1 initiative	\$0.3m + TBC	-	\$11.8m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	Region requesting \$0.3m + TBC additional funding on top of the \$14m already received.
Natural- 6 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 1 initiative, including sedimentation Unallocated Support: 5 initiatives	\$1.2m + TBC	-	-	\$1.2m + TBC
Total	\$304m + TBC	-	\$25.8m	\$304m + TBC

Thames-Coromandel RRP as at 10 August 2023.

The uncosted RRP was received on 30 June 2023. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Rooding. **Sep – Dec 23:** Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection				
Flood Protection- 3 initiatives	\$67.89m	N/A		\$67.89m
Flood Resilience Fund bids	TBC			Region not subject to cost share discussions. Funding source needs to be identified.
Transport- Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	TBC	N/A	NLTF at Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions.
Other Infrastructure- 17 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 17 initiatives	TBC	-		TBC The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional responsibility CDEM 60:40 Not supported
Social- 26 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 18 initiatives Unallocated Support: 8 initiatives	TBC	-	\$1.55m Support regional recovery structures, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Economic- 9 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 5 initiatives Unallocated Support: 4 initiatives	TBC	-	\$8.76m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	The majority of this funding is derived from the business cashflow support.
Natural- 8 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 8 initiatives	TBC	-	-	TBC
Total	\$67.89m + TBC	-	\$10.31m	\$67.89m + TBC

Waikato RRP as at 10 August 2023.

The uncosted RRP was received on 30 June 2023. Waikato region has transitioned to business as usual. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Rooding. **Sep – Dec 23:** Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection				
Flood Protection- 1 initiative, storm water Flood Resilience Fund bids	TBC \$3.15m	N/A	-	\$3.15m Region not subject to cost share discussions. Funding source needs to be identified.
Transport- Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	TBC	N/A	NLTF at Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions.
Other Infrastructure- 4 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 4 initiatives	TBC	-	-	TBC The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional responsibility • CDEM 60:40 • Not supported
Social- 7 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 3 initiatives Unallocated Support: 4 initiatives	TBC	-	\$3.13m Social Sector Recovery Plan/ B23, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Economic- 1 initiative				
Allocated Support: 0 initiative Unallocated Support: 1 initiative	TBC	-	\$4.24m MPI, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Natural- 1 initiative				
Allocated Support: 1 initiative Unallocated Support: 0 initiative	TBC	-	-	TBC
Total	\$3.15m+ TBC	-	\$7.37m	\$3.15m+ TBC

Tararua RRP as at 10 August 2023.

Tararua’s uncosted 100 Day Recovery Plan was received on 30 June 2023. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Roothing. **Sep – Dec 23:** Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection				
Flood Protection- 1 initiatives	TBC	N/A	2	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions. Funding source needs to be identified.
Transport- Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	TBC	N/A	NLTF at Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions.
Other Infrastructure- 21 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 21 initiatives, including support to flood damaged property owners	TBC	-	-	TBC The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional responsibility CDEM 60:40 Not supported Funding mechanism to be identified for support to flood damaged property owners.
Social- 22 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 4 initiatives Unallocated Support: 18 initiatives	TBC	-	\$1.14m Support regional recovery structures, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Economic- 11 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 3 initiatives Unallocated Support: 8 initiatives	TBC	-	\$3.155m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Natural- 15 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 15 initiatives	TBC	-	-	TBC
Total	TBC	-	\$4.295m	TBC

Wairarapa RRP as at 10 August 2023.

Wairarapa’s uncosted RRP was received on 30 June 2023. The region submitted 12 further projects for consideration which were underway before NIWE- \$28.47m. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Roothing. **Sep – Dec 23:** Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection				
Flood Resilience Fund bids	\$1.02m	N/A	3	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions. Funding source needs to be identified.
Transport- Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	TBC	N/A	NLTF at Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions.
Other Infrastructure- 6 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 6 initiatives, including support to flood damaged property owners	TBC	-	-	TBC The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional responsibility CDEM 60:40 Not supported Funding mechanism to be identified for support to flood damaged property owners.
Social- 14 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 5 initiatives Unallocated Support: 9 initiatives	TBC	-	\$4.885m Support regional recovery structures, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Economic- 1 initiative				
Allocated Support: 1 initiative Unallocated Support: 0 initiatives	TBC	-	\$1.73m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Natural- 3 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 3 initiatives	TBC	-	-	TBC
Total	\$1.02m + TBC	-	\$6.615m	TBC

Manawatu- Whanganui RRP as at 10 August 2023.

The uncosted RRP was received on 30 June 2023. Except for Tararua, the Whanganui region has transitioned to business as usual. Local roading and transport are the only significant proposals arising from this RRP. Regional investment expectations: **Immediate investment:** Social Sector Recovery Initiatives, community resilience, support to businesses, Local and SH Roding. **Sep – Dec 23:** Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund early investment decisions, CDEM 60:40 applications, NRP access for in scope initiatives.

RRP Initiatives	Total Regional Investment Request \$	Cost Share \$	Central Government Support	Difference
Flood Protection				
Flood Protection- 5 initiatives	TBC	N/A	4	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions. Funding source needs to be identified.
Transport- Local Roads				
Reinstate local roads and bridges	TBC	N/A	Funded Assistance Rate (91%-100%)	TBC Region not subject to cost share discussions.
Other Infrastructure- 3 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 3 initiatives	TBC	-	-	TBC The majority of unallocated initiatives will fall into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional responsibility CDEM 60:40 Not supported
Social- 5 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 2 initiatives Unallocated Support: 3 initiatives	TBC	-	-	TBC
Economic- 1 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 1 initiative	TBC	-	\$3.195m MPI, MBIE, Budget 23, NIWE Appropriation	TBC
Natural- 0 initiatives				
Allocated Support: 0 initiatives Unallocated Support: 0 initiatives	TBC	-	-	TBC
Total	TBC	-	\$3.195m	TBC



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Report of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee: Period Ended 25 August 2023

On 28 August 2023, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee for the period ended 25 August 2023:

EWR-23-MIN-0070	Regional Recovery Planning Process: Update and Next Steps Portfolio: Cyclone Recovery	CONFIRMED
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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet



Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee

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Regional Recovery Planning Process: Update and Next Steps

Portfolio Cyclone Recovery

On 23 August 2023, the Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee (EWR), exercising its Power to Act in accordance with its terms of reference:

- 1 **noted** that:
 - 1.1 on 19 July 2023, EWR noted that the Cyclone Recovery Unit had received Regional Recovery Plans (RRPs) from all affected regions, and that these RRP's were being considered through the approved funding triage process [EWR-23-MIN-0058];
 - 1.2 on 26 July 2023, EWR agreed that the cost sharing agreements being negotiated with relevant regions will be funded through the National Resilience Plan (NRP) business case process [EWR-23-MIN-0061];
- 2 **noted** that the triage process for funding proposals received through the RRP's is underway;
- 3 **agreed** that affected regions not involved in cost sharing negotiations for flood protection proposals for residential areas can be assessed against the NRP business case process for potential funding.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon David Parker
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Barbara Edmonds

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for EWR
Cyclone Recovery Unit, DPMC
Chair, Taskforce