



WE'LL ALSO BE TALKING TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY...

KA KŌRERO HOKI MĀTOU KI NGĀ
TĀNGATA E PĀNGIA ANA E TE...

TAUHEI FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

HANGANGA AHURU WAIPUHE KI TAUHEI

We've been working to find an affordable way to reduce flooding of land adjacent to the upper Tauhei Stream.

Following consultation in the 2017/18 Annual Plan, we agreed to maintain support for the Tauhei flood control project, prepare the design for the works and implement stage 1 to a maximum of \$1.6 million.

It was also agreed that we would consult Tauhei ratepayers on concept designs for stages 2 and 3 through the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.

Over the past 12 months we've taken a good look at the Tauhei and Mangatea catchments and used the information we've gathered to develop concept designs to achieve 5-10 and 10 year average recurrence interval (ARI) flood protection. A 10-year ARI flood is one that has a 10 per cent chance of occurring in any given year.

We presented four design options to about 20 people who attended a community meeting on Monday, 19 February. Based on the feedback provided at the meeting, we've developed a fifth option which we're also consulting on.

Due to the financial impact the proposals will have on landowners in the catchments, we're contacting them directly with all the information they need so they can let us know what option they want us to go ahead with.

FUNDING POLICY

Funding for this work would be consistent with the Project Watershed Funding Policy.

Under this policy, the share from people who get direct benefit from the work is assessed to be 50 per cent of the total cost.

There would be different levels of contribution from ratepayers in the Lower Waikato Scheme and also all regional ratepayers via the regional rate.

Collectively, these ratepayers would contribute the other 50 per cent of the cost.

To help make the costs more manageable for people, we're asking landowners for feedback on making payments over either 20 or 30 years.

However, it should be noted that while increasing the payback period to 30 years decreases the annual cost and may make repayments more affordable, it would increase the total cost paid over the life of the loan.