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Hon Kieran McAnulty
Minister of Internal Affairs
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Dear Minister McAnulty,

Tēnā koe Minister

CO-INVESTMENT IN FLOOD RESILIENCE – EXPRESSION OF MAYORAL SUPPORT

The West Coast Regional Council and the Mayors of the Westland, Grey and Buller Districts support the co-investment and flood resilience proposal as described in Te Uru Kahika's *Before the Deluge* (December 2022).

We endorse all other local government sectors to support this co-investment and flood resilience programme.

The Regional Sector continues to view co-investment in the 92 flood protection projects listed in *Before the Deluge* as the most immediate, practical, affordable, and visibly beneficial intervention to enhance community flood risk resilience across Aotearoa.

The rivers on the West Coast identified within the 92 listed projects include the Hokitika, Wanganui and Waiho Rivers. These three projects are all considered urgent for our region. The initial phases of the Hokitika and Waiho River works have commenced. The Wanganui works are yet to commence but is recognised by Council and the community as critical. The Cobden Seawall has also been identified for inclusion.

If co-investment is unavailable to fund these and future projects, the ongoing risk and consequence to our communities and supporting infrastructure is significant. The cost-benefit of these investments was described in the *Before the Deluge* document.

We look forward to your support of this pragmatic proposal to address the flood risk vulnerabilities of communities throughout New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,



Jamie Cleine
Mayor – Buller District



Tania Gibson
Mayor – Grey District



Helen Lash
Mayor – Westland District



Peter Haddock
Chair – West Coast Regional Council



Before the Deluge Project Listings - West Coast Regional Council

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Appendix 1 Examples of the 92 Projects

Location	Works planned
Dargaville	Stopbank Upgrade – critical flood protection to protect against a 1 in 100 year flood event;
Kawakawa	Deflection Bank – direct benefits for central Kawakawa;
Lower Waikato and Hauraki District	Extensive stopbanks renewal flood protection upgrades, including fish passage pumps and prevention of catastrophic failure from existing infrastructure
Bay of Plenty – Whakatane, Opotiki, other areas	Flood protection upgrades of stopbanks, floodwalls and other infrastructure
Foxton, Palmerston North, Lower Manawatu	Flood protection upgrades
Hawke's Bay	Critical level of service upgrades to Heretaunga Plains and Upper Tukituki Flood Control Schemes. These dovetail with the Government's recently announced lower reaches Land Categorisation related Projects package
Masterton	Flood protection upgrades including protection for the Masterton water supply pipeline
Nelson	Flood protection works for the Matai River and several stream catchments
Tasman	Lower Motueka River stopbank upgrade flood protection for Motueka
Renwick	Wairau River flood protection upgrades
Canterbury	Region wide flood recovery & resilience work, including for the Rangitata River
Hokitika, South Westland	Hokitika River floodwalls; Wanganui and Waiho River North Side upgrades
Otago	Region wide flood protection works including for the Taieri and Lindsay Creek (Dunedin)
Invercargill, Maitaia	Flood protection upgrades.