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Tēnā koe Minister McAnulty

Building New Zealand's flood risk resilience through co-investment

I wanted to write to let you know of our recent Mayoral Forum meeting and the presentation we received on the '*Before the Deluge*' report. The Bay of Plenty has suffered from several flood impacts in recent years - we have responded to Ngongotaha flooding in April 2018 and Edgecumbe the previous April of 2017.

The Bay of Plenty Mayors/Chair were supportive of the investments needed, as specified in the *Before the Deluge* report, in order to future proof Aotearoa's communities against the future impacts of climate change on our communities' flood protection infrastructure.

Can I therefore add the support of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral forum to that of our colleagues in the Wellington and Canterbury mayoral forums, LGNZ rural and provincial and our colleagues in the regional sector.

Should co-investment be agreed, these projects can start immediately, and I understand could be completed within three years. This would be strongly supported in the Bay of Plenty.

Ngā mihi nui

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Chair, Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum