

Report 12.550  
Date 31 October 2012  
File 12/01/01

Committee CDEM Group  
Author Bruce Pepperell, Regional Manager WREMO

## CDEM Preparedness Survey (for part of the region)

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Joint Committee (CDEM Group) of the results of the recently commissioned CDEM Preparedness Survey for a part of the Wellington region.

### 2. Background

The CDEM Group recognises the importance of gathering information to help gauge progress towards community awareness and preparedness for emergencies.

In early 2012 the Porirua CDEM manager has commissioned a survey to gather information to help quantify the level of preparedness for a major civil defence emergency in the Porirua-Kapiti areas. The majority of surveys were done at festival events in these areas.

The survey was administered by CDEM staff and volunteers and surveys were also completed by visitors to the Kapiti-Porirua festival events.

### 3. Survey results

The report (attached as **Attachment1**) summarises the results of the survey conducted in the Porirua and Kapiti areas during the first half of 2012, specifically looking at more detailed levels of preparedness in the community. A total of 937 people participated in the survey.

### 4. Conclusion

This survey has revealed that residents of the greater Wellington region continue to have widespread awareness of the major hazards that could affect their region.

There is a steady increase in their level of preparedness; however, there still remains a significant gap between those that consider themselves *informed*, and

those who consider themselves *prepared*. It will be important to continue to address this shortfall.

Further work is required to define the term 'Resilience' and to determine appropriate metrics.

## **5. Recommendation**

*That the CDEM Group:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents.*

Report prepared by:

**Bruce Pepperell**  
Regional Manager  
Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

**Attachment 1: Preparedness Survey Report 2012**