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Daran Ponter  
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Dear Daran

Thank you for your email of 25 August 2023 expressing mayoral support for co-investment in flood resilience from the Wellington region.

We welcome the submission of these flood protection projects and acknowledge the local government sector's commitment to progressing them. It is crucial New Zealand builds its flood resilience in light of the increasing frequency and severity of climate-driven extreme weather events.

Thank you for your work to confirm the support of the region's councils for the co-investment proposals presented in *Before the Deluge*. It is important the sector presents a united front for projects of this scale.

While flood risk management remains a key responsibility for regional councils, the Government is committed to working with local government and communities to build greater flood resilience.

As you will be aware, the Government provided \$217 million towards a nationwide flood resilience programme of work as part of its shovel-ready regional economic stimulus package in 2020. Greater Wellington received \$23 million for six major flood protection projects across the region. In addition, the Government set aside \$6 billion in the National Resilience Plan as part of Budget 2023. While some of the funding is allocated to extreme weather event recovery efforts, portions of funding are dedicated to building resilience in critical infrastructure across the country.

Some of the proposed projects in *Before the Deluge* may be within scope of the National Resilience Plan and therefore eligible for consideration for funding. I understand the Treasury is assessing applications for projects identified in the report and will provide advice on the next steps after some consideration.

I encourage you to keep in touch regarding this critical work.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kieran McAnulty'.

Hon Kieran McAnulty  
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