

**By email**

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**CROWN CO-INVESTMENT IN FLOOD MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS – AN UPDATE**

Regional and unitary councils are starting work on the first tranche of 42 flood resilience projects, thanks to your co-investment via the Regional Infrastructure Fund. While we are working very closely with Kānoa officials on the implementation, I wanted to connect with you directly to reassure you of progress and the sector's commitment to following through.

To date all but one of the thirteen Funding Agreements for these projects have been signed by both parties. We are confident all 42 projects will be underway this summer construction season, with all works having been consented. I understand that Kānoa is going to keep you abreast of progress on the 42 projects.

We will advise your office and Kānoa as each of the schemes move into construction, so that you can choose whether to attend any planned launch ceremonies. The first of these is proposed to be in Masterton in late November 2024. We will liaise with your office and Kānoa to confirm a suitable date and time.

**PROGRESSING THE SECOND TRANCHE**

The initial tranche of 42 projects was part of a package of 80 flood management projects, to improve New Zealand-wide resilience to extreme weather events. All 80 projects are within the RIF criteria. We are now underway with the first tranche and see significant efficiencies in commencing the delivery of the second tranche in tandem with the first. Being able to utilise the same teams for design, procurement and construction will result in faster implementation of these critical flood protection projects.

We are well positioned to refresh details about the remaining 38 projects, plus a handful of others that deserve equal attention. We understand you would like these projects to have secured resource consents, their co-investment share (40% of the project cost) secured, and project management arrangements.

We are working to confirm that the above matters have been addressed across all regions and to deliver a robust case to you for grant funding by December 2024. Once the Crown co-investment is secured, we can commence procurement arrangements.

Nga mihi nui



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CC: Chairs and Mayors of relevant Regional, Unitary and District Councils