

WAIROA

FLOOD MITIGATION
PROJECT

13 February 2025

Agenda

- Tripartite recommendation hui
- HBRC decision-making hui
- Next steps
- Ongoing engagement
- Independent advice
- Questions

Tripartite recommendation hui – 5 Feb

- Acknowledgement of work to date and importance of flood mitigation
- United in commitment to ensuring action is taken
- Crown Manager and Wairoa District Council recommended progression of Option 1C, subject to land accessibility
- Tātau Tātau feel the decision on a way forward should be made by mana whenua



HBRC decision-making hui – earlier today

- HBRC has agreed to adopt Option 1C as the preferred option for flood mitigation for the Category 2C area of Wairoa
- It has also agreed that the next step in the project is for the Crown Manager and Tripartite partners to **continue to refine the profile and alignment of the floodway proposed as part of Option 1C, with a specific and continued focus on further minimising the impact on whenua Māori, whānau, home and landowners**

Next steps

A preferred flood mitigation solution is still only one part of the process. There is a huge amount of mahi ahead for us all:

- Refinement of the profile and alignment of Option 1C to further minimise the impact on whenua Māori, whānau, home and landowners
- Focussed engagement with home and landowners, owners of whenua Māori, and wider Wairoa community
- Option 1C business case to be developed and submitted to the Crown – *by 7 March*
- Crown to complete independent peer review assessment of proposed solution

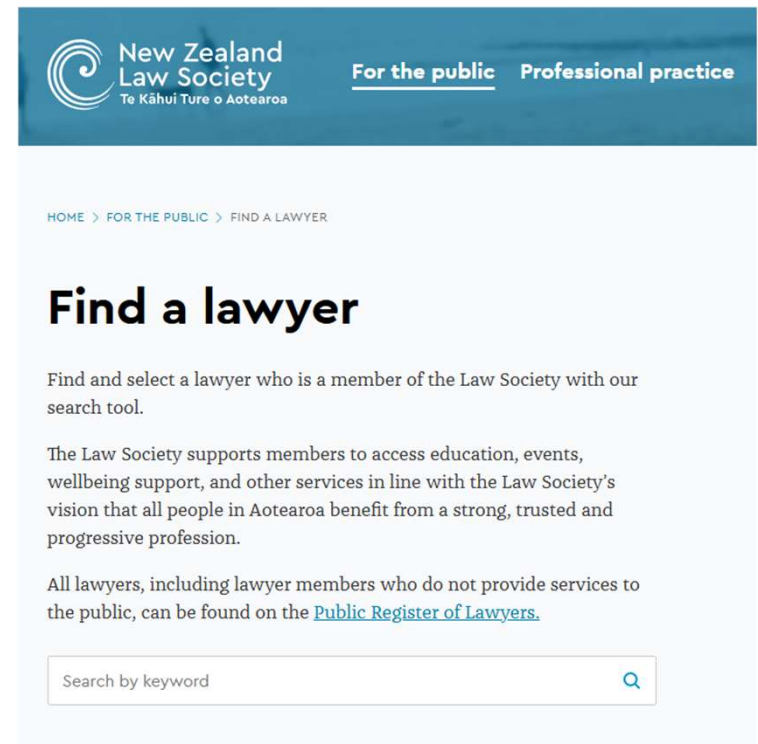
Ongoing engagement

- Following further refinement to Option 1C, agreement for a period of focussed engagement with landowners and owners of whenua Māori
- Engagement to be supported by the Māori Land Court, as appropriate



Independent advice

- Once further refined, 1C home and landowners will be able to seek their own independent valuation and legal advice
- Fair and reasonable costs associated with seeking this advice are covered by the project
- Home and landowners will be able to choose their own valuer and lawyer, and there are resources available online to help with this



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