

### **Flood protection stakeholder notes – 11.12.23**

Looking for the best consentable agreeable version

Government has indicated there is urgency around progressing flood protection for Wairoa

Hopeful a preferred option can be selected by March 31 2024

Group presented with options and reduced down to four models; one involving a floodway, one a stopbank and two others are combinations. Plus group requested more investigation into the long spillway option

Group accepted that whatever model is selected, there will be an impact on houses, cultural sites, marae, SH2, farmland, ecology and the environment and the less disruption to the community is the best way to move forward

Reiterated that without a chosen option giving Wairoa the ability to move to 2C and 1, the other option is Category 3

Group stressed the need for the Wairoa River mouth to be actively managed

Modelling is based on the bar being well positioned and fully open - noting the bar position has varied over decades.

Group requested a peer review once the options had been whittled down to ensure the correct model was selected from a human life and monetary perspective.

Constructive comments from the stakeholder group

Group requested some comms to go out

Next meeting January 2024.