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Funding wonderful news for Milford

The Milford Sound community has some security in its future now, after the Government announced yesterday it will provide \$13.1 million for riverbank protection works in the area, Milford Community Trust Chairwoman Jane Taylor said.

“The riverbank work will allow the trustees, as the representatives of the community and stakeholders, to plan and develop essential upgrades for the area; something we need to do, both for those that live in Milford and the thousands of tourists who visit every year,” Ms Taylor said.

The Trust is delighted with the Government’s commitment to this key objective and is grateful to the Department of Conservation, the Southland District Council and Environment Southland for their support in getting to this point.

“The partnership and collaboration between DOC, Southland District, Environment Southland and the stakeholders (partly through the Trust) have been effective and strong and everyone has been united in a common interest which has made this possible,” she said.

“Ultimately this will ensure the longterm sustainability of Milford and thus benefit all of New Zealand by securing the future of the tourist industry in this iconic location.

“The funding enables the Trust to get on with its job.”

The Trust was established last year by the Southland District Council and DOC, with the assistance of Environment Southland. Its main aim is to provide leadership and governance for the Milford community.

It has seven trustees and in its statement of intent, states the improvements to the protection works on the Cleddau River are of urgent priority.

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