

POLICY: **DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE**

GROUP RESPONSIBLE: Asset Management

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POLICY DETAIL:

1. The Council will maintain a Disaster Recovery Fund to a level of \$1 million to provide for repairs to roading, bridging and other infrastructural assets damaged as a result of a disaster. A disaster is defined as:
 - (a) An event arising which results in excessive damage to Council's infrastructural assets, regardless of whether it leads to (or occurs during) a state of civil defence emergency, or not.
 - (b) An event which causes excessive damage to Council's roading and bridging assets.
2. The Council's insurance for service utilities is to be reviewed on an annual basis to reflect current costs of repairs of such services in the event of possible earthquake damage.
3. In the event of a disaster, within a township or a rural water supply scheme, the District Council shall accept responsibility for the reinstatement of the headworks and trunk mains of both water and sewerage schemes, if the cost of reinstatement (net of any recoveries from insurance or central government) exceed the equivalent amount of rates collected in that year for the regular operating costs of the scheme. Finance for such works would come from the Council Disaster Recovery Fund.

Should the costs of reinstatement of trunk mains and headworks (net of recoveries) be less than the equivalent amount of rates collected in that year for the regular operating costs of the scheme, then the costs shall be the responsibility of the Community Board, Community Development Area Subcommittee or Water Supply Committee.

That the reinstatement of all other infrastructural assets, excluding the headworks and trunk mains of water and sewerage schemes, will be the responsibility of the Community Board, Community Development Area Subcommittee or Water Supply Committee.
4. In the event of a shortfall of funds, the Council will raise an emergency loan which will be secured by a special rate either over the district as a whole, or over the specific area affected by the disaster.
5. The level of funds held in the Disaster Recovery Fund will be reviewed following any withdrawal from the fund.