

Subject: Annual Plan 2010/11 Activity Report - Civil Defence, Emergency Management and Rural Fires

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Report to COUNCIL for decision

SUMMARY

Two submissions to the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan contained comments relating to the Civil Defence Emergency Management activity. Note there were no submissions relating to Council's rural fire function. Detailed officer responses and recommendations to these submissions are attached. The issues covered by these submissions were grouped into the following areas:

- Provision of tsunami alarm systems.

The following overarching issues/themes have emerged from the submissions:

- Desire to see a tsunami alert installed in schools
- Desire to see a tsunami alarm towards Waima.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. receives the report
2. approves all officer responses contained in Attachment 1 - Civil Defence Emergency Management activity submissions and responses
3. makes no changes to the draft Annual Plan 2010/11 in relation to this activity.

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Department Manager

Summary and Response by Issue

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Issue	Submitter
Civil Defence Emergency Management	
7	Stewart, Malcolm & Raewyn
Provide a tsunami alarm towards Waima. Present warning is not effective. No one advised submitter in recent tsunami scare.	
<i>Officer Response: There are two Tsunami threats, distant from the west coast of South America where we have at least 11 hours warning. The other is generated by an earthquake just off our coast with an arrival time of about 20-30 minutes. If the submitter lives in the tsunami evacuation zone and there is a credible risk for a tsunami threat originating from South America, they will receive a warning by someone knocking on their door/or a phone call, for the second event then self evacuation on the submitters knowledge of the threat is the only option available. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>	
19	Wilson, James
Would like a tsunami alert system installed in schools, e.g. Awapuni and Wainui. Other coastal cities, e.g. Napier and Mt Maunganui have done this. We seem to have dropped the ball on this one.	
<i>Officer Response: There are two tsunami threats, distant from the west coast of South America where we have at least 11 hours warning. Schools in the at risk areas will be rung and be given a time to be clear by. The other is generated by an earthquake just off our coast with an arrival time of about 20-30 minutes, so all at risk schools immediately evacuate to safe areas - hence we have no requirements for any other sort of warning system. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>	