

# Emergency management



The emergency management group of activities contributes to the following community outcome:

- People feel safe at all times

Environment Canterbury is a joint lead agency for emergency management. It is required to be a member and administering authority for the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002). Environment Canterbury's responsibilities as an emergency response agency for flood hazard, hazardous substances, coastal marine oil spills and coastal inundation can be found in the Hazards; Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites; and Coastal Environment groups of activities.

## KEY ISSUES FOR 2010/11

### Co-ordinated emergency response

Canterbury is vulnerable to a wide range of hazards and, historically, there have been numerous emergencies, such as flooding and storms, somewhere within the region in most years. Climate change is expected to lead to more volatile weather, which may result in an increase in the frequency and severity of floods and storms.

Effective response to emergencies requires agencies involved in hazard reduction, readiness, response and recovery to work together in a co-ordinated manner. Environment Canterbury contributes to planning for this through participation in the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group (see page 109), governed by a joint committee of all councils in Canterbury, including Environment Canterbury.

An integrated approach to biosecurity emergency responses will be given more attention as a result of MAF Biosecurity interest in emergency response capability having recently increased.

### Emergency management responsibilities

Environment Canterbury has responsibilities for managing flood emergencies, discharge of contaminants into the environment and in the coastal marine area. Details of this work are included in activities in the Coastal environment; Hazards; Land; Waste, hazardous substances and contaminated sites; and Water quality, quantity and ecosystems groups of activities. Environment Canterbury is also the administering authority for the CDEM Group.

### Contract services for the CDEM Group

The CDEM Group has contracted Environment Canterbury to provide the Regional Emergency Management Office, including the Group Emergency Co-ordination Centre.

### Which key issues have changed since the 2009-19 LTCCP?

*No change.*



## Effect on the four well-beings

Preparing for and responding to emergencies protects life and property, contributing to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being.

## OUR ACTIVITIES

### Priority in 2010/11

The main focus of this group of activities is providing emergency management services under contract to the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.

#### WE WILL UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

##### Planning & consents

Developing policy for co-ordinating Environment Canterbury's response to emergency events.

Providing emergency management input to the review and implementation of the Regional Policy Statement.

##### Operations

Providing civil defence emergency management contract services to the CDEM Group.

### Our work programmes in 2010/11

##### Planning & consents

- Ensure that emergency response for flood hazard, hazardous substances, coastal marine oil spills and coastal inundation is co-ordinated.

##### Operations

- Provide the regional emergency co-ordination centre.
- Support emergency management professional development throughout the region.
- Provide administering authority services for the CDEM Group.
- Support Environment Canterbury emergency response functions.
- Work with MAF Biosecurity to expand emergency response capability.

#### What's changed in our work programmes since the 2009-19 LTCCP?

Additional emphasis on professional development.

## OUR LEVELS OF SERVICE

### How Environment Canterbury's levels of service relate to the community outcomes

People feel safe at all times

Levels of Service	Community Outcomes
1 Providing emergency management office and administering authority services under contract to the CDEM group	<input type="checkbox"/>

Environment Canterbury's contribution will be reported on each year in our Annual Report.

### 1 Providing emergency management office & administering authority services under contract to the CDEM group

#### Measure

Delivery of contract requirements.

#### Target

All contract requirements delivered as specified.

Source: Environment Canterbury.

Note: Levels of service for the emergency management group of activities are also incorporated in those for the Hazards; Coastal Environment; Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites; Land, and Water Quality, Quantity and Ecosystem groups of activities. See also levels of service for the CDEM Group on page 110.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

\$000	Annual Report 2008/09	Annual Plan 2009/10	LTCCP 2010/11	Annual Plan 2010/11
Total Expenditure	1,284	1,383	1,379	1,338
<i>Funded by:</i>				
General rates	22	16	17	17
Targeted rates	1,278	1,204	1,198	1,193
User pays/Other	111	135	155	120
Grants	54	17	-	-
Interest	8	11	9	8
Total Income	1,473	1,383	1,379	1,338
Reserves Increase/(Decrease)	189	-	-	-

#### Asset management & capital expenditure

There are no significant assets involved in this group of activities.

#### How this work is funded

For more information on source of funds and rationale for selection, see:

- Funding and Financial Policies 2009, Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 Part B.
- Rating information on pages 99-110.

#### What's changed in this financial summary since the 2009-19 LTCCP?

No significant change.