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Request from:	Laura Mills – Greymouth Star
Information requested:	Correspondence from Mayor Smith regarding the recent flood emergency
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

03 March 2022

Laura Mills
Chief Reporter
Greymouth Star

Via Email: lauram@greystar.co.nz

Dear Laura

Official information request for correspondence from Mayor Smith regarding the recent flood emergency

I refer to your official information request dated 09 February 2022 for correspondence from Mayor Smith regarding the recent flood emergency.

The information you have requested is enclosed.

Some information has been redacted under section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA – protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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Sincerely,



Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

SB/MB

Archived: Friday, 18 February 2022 2:30:02 PM

From: [Mike Reid](#)

Sent: Fri, 11 Feb 2022 02:02:30

To: [Bruce Smith](#)

Subject: RE: standing orders wrcr

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Good afternoon Bruce

Thanks for the query. Assuming that it operates under standing orders the decision to appoint will require a meeting. I would call an emergency meeting by Zoom (the Epidemic Preparedness notice has been renewed today, and will now expire on 18 March). 24 hours notice is required.

Mike

Dr Mike Reid
Principal Policy Advisor
Local Government New Zealand

[Redacted]

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From: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 11 February 2022 2:12 p.m.

To: Mike Reid [Redacted]

Cc: Diane Maitland <Diane.Maitland@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: standing orders wrcr

Hi Mike

We have a need to appoint an extra civil defence controller

Can it be done by email approval from each member of the civil defence joint committee?

Regards

Bruce Smith | Mayor
Te Kahui o Poutini | Westland District Council

36 Weld Street, Private Bag 704, Hokitika 7842 |   

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From: [Diane Maitland](#)

Mail received time: Fri, 11 Feb 2022 01:15:58

Sent: Fri, 11 Feb 2022 01:15:54

To: [Bruce Smith](#)

Subject: RE: can you advise me

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Hi Bruce, on the West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management website, there is this document which was current to 2021 <https://westcoastemergency.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Group-Plan-2016-Recovery-Revision.pdf>
Page 51.

WEST COAST CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP PLAN

8.5.3 Controllers In accordance with sections 26(1), 26(2), and 27(1) of the Act, the CDEM Group has appointed personnel to the positions of Group Controller, Alternate Group Controller, Local Controller, and Alternate Local Controller. These appointments are listed at the start of this Plan and are subject to change during the lifecycle of this document as described. The CDEM Group delegates to each Controller (Group and Local) authority to exercise the powers of the Act (section 85). This is in addition to the powers assigned to the Controllers by sections 86 to 94 of the Act, for the part of the CDEM Group area for which the Controller has been appointed. The Group allows owing to the nature of emergencies isolating all or parts of the West Coast region that Group and Local Controllers can operate in any EOC in the region or relieve at the ECC at Paroa when requested by the Group Office –?Group Controller Likewise all EOC and ECC personnel can work at any coordination facility anywhere on the West Coast again when requested by the Local Controller of an emergency event or the Group Controller in discussion with the event Local Controller. The Group Controller must, during a state of emergency, direct and coordinate the use of personnel, materials, information, services, and other resources made available by departments, CDEM Groups, and other persons. Other key functions include: ♣? Acting as an advisor to Local Controllers in an emergency; ♣? Maintaining relationships with CDEM Group members; ♣? Monitoring and auditing response capability of the Group EOC through exercises; and, ♣? Maintain relationships with all stakeholders (beyond Group members). The Local Controllers must, during a state of emergency for the area for which they are authorised, direct and coordinate the use of personnel, materials, information, services, and other resources made available by departments, CDEM Groups and other persons. Other functions include (as directed by the CDEM Group): ♣? Act as an advisor to the Group Controller; ♣? Maintaining relationships with CDEM Group representative; ♣? Monitoring and auditing response capability of the Local EOC through exercises; and, ♣? Maintain relationships with all stakeholders in area. Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with section 27(2) of the Act, the Local Controller must follow any directions given or set by the Group Controller during an emergency. In accordance with section 28(4) during a national emergency, the Group Controller or Local Controllers will act in a manner consistent with any priorities for the use of resources that have been determined by the National Controller. 8.5.3 Appointment and Delegation of the Recovery Manager

<https://westcoastemergency.govt.nz/resources/group-plan/>

Group Plan





The West Coast CDEM Group Plan 2016-2021 is our governing document that provides a framework for civil defence and emergency management decisions to be made across the West Coast region.

[Group Plan 2016 Recovery Revision](#) (3.6MB)

Regards

Di

Diane Maitland | Executive Assistant
Te Kahui o Poutini | **Westland District Council**

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From: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 February 2022 1:58 pm
To: Diane Maitland <diane.maitland@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: can you advise me

Can a resolution be passed by all members signing it

Bruce Smith | Mayor
Te Kahui o Poutini | **Westland District Council**

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From: [Bruce Smith](#)

Mail received time: Fri, 11 Feb 2022 01:09:29

Sent: Fri, 11 Feb 2022 01:09:25

To: [claire.brown](#); [Sharon Mason](#); [Heather Mabin](#); [Tania Gibson](#); [Alan Birchfield](#); [Mayor Jamie Cleine](#); [Paul Madgwick](#); [Francois Tumahai](#)

Cc: [Simon Bastion](#); [GDC Paul Morris](#); [NEMA Simon Chambers](#); [NEMA Sandra James](#); [Te Aroha Cook](#)

Subject: RE: URGENT REQUEST West Coast Controller Ratification

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Hi Claire


Please provide a copy of the advice you received in relation to our standing orders

regards

Bruce Smith | Mayor

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Chambers <simon.chambers@nema.govt.nz>; NEMA Sandra James <sandra.james@nema.govt.nz>; Te Aroha Cook <tearoa.cook@westlanddc.govt.nz>

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We sought advice and advised that we cannot –? my apologies for the inconvenience
Claire

From: Sharon Mason <sharon.mason@bdc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 1:18 PM

To: Heather Mabin <heather.mabin@wrc.govt.nz>; Claire Brown <Claire.Brown@wrc.govt.nz>; Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Tania Gibson <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; Alan Birchfield <Alan.b@wrc.govt.nz>; Mayor Jamie Cleine <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; Paul Madgwick <[REDACTED]>; Francois Tumahai <[REDACTED]>

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From: Heather Mabin <heather.mabin@wrc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 12:57:50 PM

To: Claire Brown <Claire.Brown@wrc.govt.nz>; Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Tania Gibson <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; Alan Birchfield <Alan.b@wrc.govt.nz>; Mayor Jamie Cleine <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; Paul Madgwick <[REDACTED]>; Francois Tumahai <[REDACTED]>

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Have spoken with Allan who is currently travelling, read the recommendations to him and he has given his verbal approval.

He will then send an email to confirm this tonight when he's in his Office.

Kind regards,
Heather

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Sent: Friday, 11 February 2022 12:51 PM

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Cc: Simon Bastion; Heather Mabin; GDC Paul Morris; Sharon Mason; NEMA Simon Chambers; NEMA Sandra James; Te Aroha Cook

Subject: URGENT REQUEST West Coast Controller Ratification

When: Friday, 11 February 2022 14:30-14:45 (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Where: <https://wrc-nz.zoom.us/j/83181598954?pwd=ZGJPdkNKTctITEZYlZjVG83QjZxQT09>

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From: [Mayor Tania Gibson](#)

Sent: Fri, 11 Feb 2022 00:19:19

To: [Sharon Mason](#); [Heather Mabin](#); [Claire Brown](#); [Bruce Smith](#); [Alan Birchfield](#); [Mayor Jamie Cleine](#); [Paul Madgwick](#); [Francois Tumahai](#)

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Sensitivity: None

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I am also happy to ok via email as we did last time.

Tania

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Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 1:18:01 PM

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From: [Heather Mabin](#)

Mail received time: Thu, 10 Feb 2022 23:58:00

Sent: Thu, 10 Feb 2022 23:57:50

To: [Claire Brown](#); [Bruce Smith](#); [Tania Gibson](#); [Alan Birchfield](#); 'Mayor Jamie Cleine'; [Paul Madgwick](#); [Francois Tumahai](#)

Cc: [Simon Bastion](#); [GDC Paul Morris](#); [Sharon Mason](#); [NEMA Simon Chambers](#); [NEMA Sandra James](#); [Te Aroha Cook](#)

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Archived: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 9:41:57 AM

From: [Lee Scanlon](#)

Sent: Wed, 9 Feb 2022 22:47:09

To: [Bruce Smith](#)

Subject: RE: Request for a get together

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Thanks Bruce. Appreciate your support.

Lee

From: Bruce Smith

Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:35 AM

To: Laura Mills <lauram@greystar.co.nz>; Lee Scanlon <lee@westportnews.co.nz>; Joanne Naish <joanne.naish@stuff.co.nz>

Cc: Grey Mayor <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Jamie Cleine Buller District Mayor <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; Allan Birchfield <birch.min@xtra.co.nz>; Sharon Mason <sharon.mason@bdc.govt.nz>; heather.mabin@wrc.govt.nz; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Paul.morris@greydc.govt.nz

Subject: Request for a get together

Good morning to our media friends.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to the attention of the Mayors and my response is as chair of the council joint civil defence committee.

First a copy of my email this morning to Claire FYI.

From: Bruce Smith

Sent: Thursday, 10 February 2022 9:04 AM

To: Claire Brown <claire.brown@wrc.govt.nz>

Cc: Te Aroha Cook <tearoha.cook@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: local media

Hi Claire

Did not want to raise this at the briefing.

Local media feel disconnected and fired a scathing shot at the mayors

Suggestion they are our friends and if the concept of one reliable source of information being our pims they must be in the tent

They should be top priority in getting any info from us

le 1 minute after its produced not several hours

Keep any eye on the cut offs for publication

Failure to do this will result in social media being the source of info

regards

Bruce Smith
Mayor
Te Kahui o Poutini |
Westland District Council

I have discussed the concerns with TC with a view to ensuring that our media are fully briefed and are privy to how the process works when a declaration is made. This will ensure we are indeed all in the same tent and that the papers have access as a priority to what's happening on the ground.

We can't keep our residents informed without your help and it's really appreciated by both us and your residents.

After we get through this latest event Te Aroha Cook will contact you all to meet and get to explore how the system should work, what we do when it went, and how we can assist the media in reporting the event as it unfolds.

Our doors are open at any time and your approach was both warranted and constructive.

Kind Regards
Bruce Smith
Chair
Joint committee West Coast Civil Defence.
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Bruce Smith | Mayor
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From: Laura Mills <lauram@greystar.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 11:36 AM

To: Mayor Jamie Cleine <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; Bruce Smith <raycemanagement@extra.co.nz>; Mayor Tania Gibson <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Paul Morris <paul.morris@greydc.govt.nz>; Heather Mabin <heather.mabin@wrcr.govt.nz>; Sharon Mason <sharon.mason@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Response to last week's flood - letter from the Westport News, Greymouth Star and Stuff.co.nz

We are writing collectively as local media to express concerns over the response to media during the recent flood.

We found PIMs from all councils were lacking in information and timeliness.

The Westport News received its first PIM release at 7.08pm on Tuesday (six hours after its daily deadline). There were two media releases attached. The first had been approved at 1pm, the second at 4pm. The newspaper had received neither before the 7.08pm email.

The email concluded: "For more information and to keep up to date go to Buller Emergency Management FB page and to listen to [sic] Coast FM."

Those outlets appeared to have been PIM's focus during the event.

Staff at West Coast newspapers were frustrated at having to monitor various social media sites to find information that should have been circulated to all media.

The Westport News spoke to Civil Defence controller Bob Dickson early on, then all media had to rely on mayors Jamie Cleine, Tania Gibson and Bruce Smith, and various experts we contacted ourselves.

Mr Cleine did his best to answer our questions but he didn't know some of the technical details other EOC staff could have provided.

A Westport News reporter went to the EOC on Thursday morning. She was told a Civil Defence controller was not available but would be in about half an hour. She asked to speak to the people managing the EOC - who were in the room - but was told no.

She and another reporter returned 45 minutes later. They were told a controller was still not available and they would receive a text when one was. They were told off for attempting to take a photo inside the centre, although similar photos had previously appeared on Facebook. They did not feel welcome.

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From: [Laura Mills](#)

Mail received time: Wed, 9 Feb 2022 22:37:04

Sent: Thu, 10 Feb 2022 11:36:19

To: [Bruce Smith](#)

Subject: Re: Request for a get together

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Thanks for being so receptive, appreciate it.

Sorry no one plan stuff today - drowning - literally.

On Thu, 10 Feb 2022 at 11:34, Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good morning to our media friends.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to the attention of the Mayors and my response is as chair of the council joint civil defence committee.

First a copy of my email this morning to Claire FYI.

Bruce Smith|Mayor

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From: Bruce Smith

Sent: Thursday, 10 February 2022 9:04 AM

To: Claire Brown <claire.brown@wrc.govt.nz>

Cc: Te Aroha Cook <tearoha.cook@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: local media

Hi Claire

Did not want to raise this at the briefing.

Local media feel disconnected and fired a scathing shot at the mayors

Suggestion they are our friends and if the concept of one reliable source of information being our pims they must be in the tent

They should be top priority in getting any info from us
le 1 minute after its produced not several hours
Keep any eye on the cut offs for publication

Failure to do this will result in social media being the source of info

regards

Bruce Smith
Mayor
Te Kahui o Poutini |
Westland District Council

I have discussed the concerns with TC with a view to ensuring that our media are fully briefed and are privy to how the process works when a declaration is made. This will ensure we are indeed all in the same tent and that the papers have access as a priority to what's happening on the ground.

We cant keep our residents informed without your help and it's really appreciated by both us and your residents.

After we get through this latest event Te Aroha Cook will contact you all to meet and get to explore how the system should work, what we do when it wont, and how we can assist the media in reporting the event as it unfolds.

Our doors are open at any time and your approach was both wanted and constructive.

Kind Regards
Bruce Smith
Chair
Joint committee West Coast Civil Defence.
021-922860

From: Laura Mills <lauram@greystar.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 11:36 AM
To: Mayor Jamie Cleine <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; Bruce Smith <raycemanagement@xtra.co.nz>; Mayor Tania Gibson <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Paul Morris <paul.morris@greydc.govt.nz>; Heather Mabin <heather.mabin@wycrc.govt.nz>; Sharon Mason <sharon.mason@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Response to last week's flood - letter from the Westport News, Greymouth Star and Stuff.co.nz

We are writing collectively as local media to express concerns over the response to media during the recent flood.

We found PIMs from all councils were lacking in information and timeliness.

The Westport News received its first PIM release at 7.08pm on Tuesday (six hours after its daily deadline). There were two media releases attached. The first had been approved at 1pm, the second at 4pm. The newspaper had received neither before the 7.08pm email.

The email concluded: "For more information and to keep up to date go to Buller Emergency Management FB page and to listen to [sic] Coast FM."

Those outlets appeared to have been PIM's focus during the event.

Staff at West Coast newspapers were frustrated at having to monitor various social media sites to find information that should have been circulated to all media.

The Westport News spoke to Civil Defence controller Bob Dickson early on, then all media had to rely on mayors Jamie Cleine, Tania Gibson and Bruce Smith, and various experts we contacted ourselves.

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Laura Mills
Chief reporter, Greymouth Star
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From: [Jo Seddon](#)

Mail received time: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 22:11:40

Sent: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 22:11:16

To: [Mayor Jamie Cleine](#)

Cc: [Bruce Smith](#); [Mayor Tania Gibson](#)

Subject: FW: Chorus network withstood all that Mother Nature threw at it last week

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

[Chorus network withstood all that Mother Nature threw at it last week.docx](#);

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Hi Jamie (and Bruce and Tania)

We seem to have all survived the deluge from last week.

Here's a media release we have just sent out to local media but I thought you might like to see the size of the rock that came to rest on our fibre cable.

You certainly don't do things by halves on the Coast!

Let me know if you need anything from me but fingers crossed that things stay settled for a while.

Cheers

Jo Seddon | Community Relations Manager

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From: Louis Hartley <Louis.Hartley@chorus.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 11:06 am

To: Louis Hartley <Louis.Hartley@chorus.co.nz>

Cc: Jo Seddon <Jo.Seddon@chorus.co.nz>

Subject: Chorus network withstood all that Mother Nature threw at it last week

Kia ora,

Please see the attached release on Karamea's fibre cable that requires work.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Ngā mihi,
Louis

Louis Hartley

Corporate Relations Coordinator

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Chorus network withstood extreme West Coast weather

Despite washouts and heavy rain, the Chorus network withstood all that Mother Nature threw at it last week, including a massive boulder landing on a vital fibre cable near Karamea.

The cable, which connects the town's cellphone network, landline services and broadband, took the weight of the rock without loss of service.

Technicians across the West Coast wrapped and barricaded Chorus broadband cabinets, protecting the region's telecommunications infrastructure, however the heavy rainfall has exposed the link, sweeping debris and a large boulder, estimated to weigh between 10t and 20t, onto the cable.

Repairs are currently underway.

On Thursday there will be a short 'planned cutover outage', where services will be redirected to a temporary cable while the boulder is removed. The planned cutover outage is estimated to temporarily shut off Karamea's cellphone coverage, landline services, and broadband for around 3 hours on Thursday and a further 3 hours on Friday.

While the work is being done, the cable will also be encased in a duct to protect against future weather events.







Civil defence and emergency services have been notified and have plans in place.

Archived: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 2:07:40 PM
From: [Simon Bastion](#)
Mail received time: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 00:26:02
Sent: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 00:25:56
To: [WDC All Staff](#)
Cc: [Bruce Smith](#)
Subject: FW: Weather Briefing 1100 Tue 8 Feb NOTES
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good afternoon team –? a quick update as to the weather forecast for the week. Note that there is a significant weather event heading to NZ from the tropics from Sunday –? unsure at this stage as to it’s final path

REgards

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive
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From: Claire Brown <Claire.Brown@wrc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 11:42 am
To: WCRC Flood Risk Assessment Team <FRAT@wrc.govt.nz>; Sharon Mason <sharon.mason@bdc.govt.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; GDC Paul Morris <Paul.morris@greydc.govt.nz>; Aaron Haymes <aaron.haymes@greydc.govt.nz>; Heather Mabin <heather.mabin@wrc.govt.nz>; Te Aroha Cook <tearoha.cook@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Reuben Stuart <reuben.stuart@wrc.govt.nz>; Cindy Fleming <cindy.fleming@wrc.govt.nz>
Cc: WCDHB Jason MacAskill <jason.macaskill@wcdhb.health.nz>
Subject: Weather Briefing 1100 Tue 8 Feb NOTES

Thank you regional council flood risk team (Hydrology, Engineers and Natural Hazards) for facilitating a short meeting this morning re the MetService Orange Warning issued earlier today.

To summarise:

- MetService gave a overview that they are not expecting this (Wed –? Thur) to be a significant event for the region.
- Some caution regarding rivers north of Westport that have already received damage that they are more vulnerable
- Short duration of event would suggest no concerns for Buller River.
- Coastal amounts may be up to half of what is expected in the ranges.
- For the next two days it was agreed we continue to monitor only, and unless any change that there is no need to prep EOCs.
- West Coast EM update FB for West coast and duplicate on Buller CD page, and issue media release to advise monitor but that we understand this is not expected to be a significant event.

- Met Service did however flag another weather system expected from Sunday, that may affect much of the North Island and possibly top of the South.
- They also advised there is several days between the Wed / Thur event, and Sunday to allow river levels to recede.

Thank you

Severe Weather Warnings

Issued at: 9:49am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Heavy Rain Warning for Buller, Westland - Orange

Heavy rain may cause streams and rivers to rise rapidly. Surface flooding and slips are also possible and driving conditions may be hazardous.

Issued: 9:48am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Area: Buller and Westland north of Hokitika

Valid: 12:00pm Wednesday to 11:00am Thursday

Expect 140 to 170 mm of rain, and lesser amounts about the coast. Peak rates of 20 to 30mm/h.

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Issued: 9:48am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Area: Westland from Hokitika southwards

Valid: 11:00am Wednesday to 9:00am Thursday

Expect 160 to 220mm of rain about the ranges, and lesser amounts about the coast. Peak rates of 20 to 30mm/h, and possible thunderstorms in the south.

Claire Brown

Regional Director, Emergency Management and Natural Hazards

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From: [Mayor Tania Gibson](#)

Sent: Thu, 3 Feb 2022 23:40:09

To: [Bruce Smith](#); [claire.brown](#); [Allan Birchfield](#); [Mayor Jamie Cleine](#); [Paul Madgwick](#); [Francois Tumahai](#)

Cc: [Sharon Mason](#); [Simon Bastion](#); [Heather Mabin](#); [Paul Morris](#); [NEMA Sandra James](#); [NEMA Simon Chambers](#)

Subject: Re: Joint Committee Appointing Controllers URGENT REPLY PLEASE

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Hi

Yes I approve.

Thanks

Tania

From: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 11:47:37 AM

To: [claire.brown](#) <claire.brown@wrcr.govt.nz>; [Allan Birchfield](#) <allan.birchfield@wrcr.govt.nz>; [Mayor Tania Gibson](#) <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; [Mayor Jamie Cleine](#) <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; [Paul Madgwick](#) <[REDACTED]>; [Francois Tumahai](#) <[REDACTED]>

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- ? Julian Snowball (Waikato)
- ? Sue Kelly (Taranaki)

Can you have the resolution plus this email of approval at the next CD meeting for adding of original signatures for audit.

Regards

Chairman joint committee

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Fresh ideas.
Better water.

From: Bruce Smith

Sent: Friday, 4 February 2022 10:56 AM

To: Claire Brown <Claire.Brown@wrc.govt.nz>; Allan Birchfield <allan.birchfield@wrc.govt.nz>; Tania Gibson <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; Mayor Jamie Cleine <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; Paul Madgwick <[REDACTED]>; Francois Tumahai <[REDACTED]>

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Greetings

Can I suggest an email approval as per standing orders

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Claire my vote is approved

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Sent: Friday, 4 February 2022 10:52 AM

To: Bruce Smith; Allan Birchfield; Tania Gibson; Mayor Jamie Cleine; Paul Madgwick ; Francois Tumahai

Cc: Sharon Mason; Simon Bastion; Heather Mabin; GDC Paul Morris; NEMA Sandra James; NEMA Simon Chambers

Subject: Joint Committee Appointing Controllers

When: Friday, 4 February 2022 5:30 PM-6:30 PM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

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Kia ora West Coast Emergency Management Joint Committee

Second Request to appoint Controllers

The West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand continues to respond to a significant and wide spread adverse weather event. This is the fifth day of a Civil Defence activation. This activation will continue into the weekend with a fully resourced 24 hr Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) in Westport and Emergency Coordination (EC). In addition the EOC in Hokitika continues in monitoring mode.

As such, the WCRG request the Joint Committee approve the immediate appointment of the following Controllers for this event:

- Julian Snowball (Waikato)
- Sue Kelly (Taranaki)

Both are experienced emergency managers and are required to fill Controller roles in the ECC/EOC. They are to be appointed in accordance with the CDEM Act 2002, sections 26 and 27.

Nga mihi
Claire Brown
Group Manager, West Coast Emergency Management

Claire Brown is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Can you have the resolution plus this email of approval at the next CD meeting for adding of original signatures for audit.

Regards

Chairman joint committee.

Bruce Smith | Mayor

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I approve this appointment also.

Jamie

Jamie Cleine | Mayor

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Sent: Wed, 9 Feb 2022 22:59:51

To: [Bruce Smith](#)

Subject: RE: is there a media release re declaration that has gone to the joint committee

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

From there website

State of Emergency declared for Buller following further rain impacts on the district

Buller has declared a state of emergency following impacts from further weather last night and today.

The event, which was under forecast, in terms of intensity and impacts, has left the district isolated.

Buller Emergency Management is recommending that people self-evacuate to evacuation centres and higher ground, as far as practicable, given the current road closures.

"This event was not forecast to have the impacts it has had, but the Emergency response is in hand, and the Emergency Operations Centre is here to help those who cannot help themselves," says Controller Bob Dickson. "Due to our current isolation, we don't currently have the additional resource present in the district last week. We encourage people to help themselves, and their neighbours. Anyone who needs special assistance should contact the Emergency Operations Centre on 0800 234 533."

Evacuation centres have been arranged again for residents, if or when required. Currently, these are at Sergeants Hill hall and South School hall. Mandatory evacuations have not yet been announced, but the EOC are encouraging anyone who feels unsafe where they currently are, to self evacuate to friends or family, or the evacuation centres.

For more information and to keep up to date go to Buller Emergency Management FB page and to listen to Coast FM.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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From: [Simon Bastion](#)
Mail received time: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 00:26:02
Sent: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 00:25:56
To: [WDC All Staff](#)
Cc: [Bruce Smith](#)
Subject: FW: Weather Briefing 1100 Tue 8 Feb NOTES
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good afternoon team –? a quick update as to the weather forecast for the week. Note that there is a significant weather event heading to NZ from the tropics from Sunday –? unsure at this stage as to it’s final path

REgards

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From: Claire Brown <Claire.Brown@wrc.govt.nz>
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Cc: WCDHB Jason MacAskill <jason.macaskill@wcdhb.health.nz>
Subject: Weather Briefing 1100 Tue 8 Feb NOTES

Thank you regional council flood risk team (Hydrology, Engineers and Natural Hazards) for facilitating a short meeting this morning re the MetService Orange Warning issued earlier today.

To summarise:

- MetService gave a overview that they are not expecting this (Wed –? Thur) to be a significant event for the region.
- Some caution regarding rivers north of Westport that have already received damage that they are more vulnerable
- Short duration of event would suggest no concerns for Buller River.
- Coastal amounts may be up to half of what is expected in the ranges.
- For the next two days it was agreed we continue to monitor only, and unless any change that there is no need to prep EOCs.
- West Coast EM update FB for West coast and duplicate on Buller CD page, and issue media release to advise monitor but that we understand this is not expected to be a significant event.

- Met Service did however flag another weather system expected from Sunday, that may affect much of the North Island and possibly top of the South.
- They also advised there is several days between the Wed / Thur event, and Sunday to allow river levels to recede.

Thank you

Severe Weather Warnings

Issued at: 9:49am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Heavy Rain Warning for Buller, Westland - Orange

Heavy rain may cause streams and rivers to rise rapidly. Surface flooding and slips are also possible and driving conditions may be hazardous.

Issued: 9:48am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Area: Buller and Westland north of Hokitika

Valid: 12:00pm Wednesday to 11:00am Thursday

Expect 140 to 170 mm of rain, and lesser amounts about the coast. Peak rates of 20 to 30mm/h.

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Area: Westland from Hokitika southwards

Valid: 11:00am Wednesday to 9:00am Thursday

Expect 160 to 220mm of rain about the ranges, and lesser amounts about the coast. Peak rates of 20 to 30mm/h, and possible thunderstorms in the south.

Claire Brown

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Hi Claire,

Have spoken with Allan who is out on site, then I texted him the details - he has responded with: *I approve thanks, Allan*

Kind regards,
Heather



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Ngā? Mihi

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Subject: Re: Joint Committee Appointing Controllers URGENT REPLY PLEASE

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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I approve this appointment also.

Jamie

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Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 10:56:07 A M

To: [claire.brown](#) <claire.brown@wrc.govt.nz>; [Allan Birchfield](#) <allan.birchfield@wrc.govt.nz>; [Tania Gibson](#) <mayor@greydc.govt.nz>; [Mayor Jamie Cleine](#) <jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz>; [Paul Madgwick](#) <[REDACTED]>; [Francois Tumahai](#) <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: RE: Joint Committee Appointing Controllers URGENT REPLY PLEASE

Greetings

Can I suggest an email approval as per standing orders

If you approve please reply with approved the immediate appointment of the following Controllers for this event:

- ? Julian Snowball (Waikato)
- ? Sue Kelly (Taranaki)

Claire my vote is approved

Regards

Bruce Smith | Mayor
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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Claire Brown <Claire.Brown@wrc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 4 February 2022 10:52 AM

To: Bruce Smith; Allan Birchfield; Tania Gibson; Mayor Jamie Cleine; Paul Madgwick; Francois Tumahai

Cc: Sharon Mason; Simon Bastion; Heather Mabin; GDC Paul Morris; NEMA Sandra James; NEMA Simon Chambers

Subject: Joint Committee Appointing Controllers

When: Friday, 4 February 2022 5:30 PM-6:30 PM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

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Kia ora West Coast Emergency Management Joint Committee

Second Request to appoint Controllers

The West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand continues to respond to a significant and wide spread adverse weather event. This is the fifth day of a Civil Defence activation. This activation will continue into the weekend with a fully resourced 24 hr Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) in Westport and Emergency Coordination (ECC). In addition the EOC in Hokitika continues in monitoring mode.

As such, the WCRC request the Joint Committee approve the immediate appointment of the following Controllers for this event:

- Julian Snowball (Waikato)
- Sue Kelly (Taranaki)

Both are experienced emergency managers and are required to fill Controller roles in the ECC/EOC. They are to be appointed in accordance with the CDEM Act 2002, Sections 26 and 27.

Nga mihi
Claire Brown
Group Manager, West Coast Emergency Management

Claire Brown is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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From: [Simon Bastion](#)
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Sent: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 00:25:56
To: [WDC All Staff](#)
Cc: [Bruce Smith](#)
Subject: FW: Weather Briefing 1100 Tue 8 Feb NOTES
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good afternoon team –? a quick update as to the weather forecast for the week. Note that there is a significant weather event heading to NZ from the tropics from Sunday –? unsure at this stage as to it’s final path

REgards

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From: Claire Brown <Claire.Brown@wrc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 11:42 am
To: WCRC Flood Risk Assessment Team <FRAT@wrc.govt.nz>; Sharon Mason <sharon.mason@bdc.govt.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; GDC Paul Morris <Paul.morris@greydc.govt.nz>; Aaron Haymes <aaron.haymes@greydc.govt.nz>; Heather Mabin <heather.mabin@wrc.govt.nz>; Te Aroha Cook <tearoha.cook@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Reuben Stuart <reuben.stuart@wrc.govt.nz>; Cindy Fleming <cindy.fleming@wrc.govt.nz>
Cc: WCDHB Jason MacAskill <jason.macaskill@wcdhb.health.nz>
Subject: Weather Briefing 1100 Tue 8 Feb NOTES

Thank you regional council flood risk team (Hydrology, Engineers and Natural Hazards) for facilitating a short meeting this morning re the MetService Orange Warning issued earlier today.

To summarise:

- MetService gave a overview that they are not expecting this (Wed –? Thur) to be a significant event for the region.
- Some caution regarding rivers north of Westport that have already received damage that they are more vulnerable
- Short duration of event would suggest no concerns for Buller River.
- Coastal amounts may be up to half of what is expected in the ranges.
- For the next two days it was agreed we continue to monitor only, and unless any change that there is no need to prep EOCs.
- West Coast EM update FB for West coast and duplicate on Buller CD page, and issue media release to advise monitor but that we understand this is not expected to be a significant event.

- Met Service did however flag another weather system expected from Sunday, that may affect much of the North Island and possibly top of the South.
- They also advised there is several days between the Wed / Thur event, and Sunday to allow river levels to recede.

Thank you

Severe Weather Warnings

Issued at: 9:49am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Heavy Rain Warning for Buller, Westland - Orange

Heavy rain may cause streams and rivers to rise rapidly. Surface flooding and slips are also possible and driving conditions may be hazardous.

Issued: 9:48am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Area: Buller and Westland north of Hokitika

Valid: 12:00pm Wednesday to 11:00am Thursday

Expect 140 to 170 mm of rain, and lesser amounts about the coast. Peak rates of 20 to 30mm/h.

Heavy Rain Warning for Westland - Orange

Heavy rain may cause streams and rivers to rise rapidly. Surface flooding and slips are also possible and driving conditions may be hazardous.

Issued: 9:48am Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Area: Westland from Hokitika southwards

Valid: 11:00am Wednesday to 9:00am Thursday

Expect 160 to 220mm of rain about the ranges, and lesser amounts about the coast. Peak rates of 20 to 30mm/h, and possible thunderstorms in the south.

Claire Brown

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Mail received time: Fri, 4 Feb 2022 23:25:41

Sent: Fri, 4 Feb 2022 23:25:33

To: [David Carruthers](#)

Cc: [Bruce Smith](#); [Latham Martin](#)

Subject: Re: Hokitika River Flood protection

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Hi David, we will need to ensure WCRC share their designs with use to ensure they have accounted for stormwater management. You may want to raise this at the capital projects meeting and give me an action to cause the regional council (again)

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From: David Carruthers <cr.carruthers@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 9:09:59 AM

To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Cc: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Latham Martin <cr.martin@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: Hokitika River Flood protection

Hi Simon,

In the light of the recent heavy rain event and the very high level of the Hokitika River, can you tell me whether the proposed increase in height of the flood bank will also involve and increase in the height of the storm water pumps. Presumably, if there is a very significant rain even that would cause a dramatic increase in the height of the river, the town would also experience the same event requiring the storm water pumps to be activated. If the pump heights are not commensurably increased, the pumps would be rendered redundant.

I am sure someone has thought about this, however I would be grateful if you could assure me this is the case.

David Carruthers.