

Minutes of the MWCDEM Group Plan Hearing Panel to hear submissions on the Manawatū-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management (MW CDEM) Group Plan 2025 - 2030 Draft held at Te Ao Nui – Huia Room - Palmerston North at 10.30am on Friday, 14 November 2025.

Panel: Chair Mr. Clive Manley (CEG Representative), Mayor Michael Ford (Local Authority), Mrs. Hollei Gabrielsen (MWCDEM Joint Standing Committee Iwi Representative, and Mr. James Lamb (NEMA).

In Attendance: Horizons Regional Council Deputy Chair Cr Fiona Gordon, Mr. Chay Hook (MWCDEM Manager), and Mr. Matthew Putt (MWCDEM Senior Advisor).

Also Present: Dr Jonathan Procter (Submitter) and Mr Kevin Wilkie (Submitter).

Online: Mrs Kaike Kereopa (Submitter).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr Chay Hook to say a Karakia.

After housekeeping, the Chair invite the first Submitter to speak and introduced the panel.

Dr Jonathan Procter (Submission 4103) spoke to his submission through a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted:

- Submitter’s questioning flooding events being included in the hazardous listing as an actual hazard draining funds and resources away from other major risks such as volcanic eruptions.
- Earthquakes: just scenarios, should not concern in the Group Plan to this high level.
- Volcanic eruptions: not mentioned at all considering high occurrence probability and not enough resources allocated to this hazard.
- Marae be included in the Group plan.

The Panel asked questions to the submitter.

Mrs Kaike Kereopa (Submission 4101) introduced her submission expressing her concerns after the latest Ruapehu floodings and highlighting that Tangata whenua from the area should be prioritise in the Group Plan. Mrs Kereopa presented six (6) photos to the Panel to illustrate her points and answered Panel’s questions.

Mr Kevin Wilkie (Submission 4106) spoke to his submission presenting a Map to the Panel. Mr Wilkie advocated for digital solutions to support CDEM, mainly the Urban Digital Twin (UDT). He also suggested that the Central Government Agencies and New Zealand Defence Force should support data collection for LiDAR to overview stop banks (search for deteriorations) and that all data collected should be available to the region community groups.

The Hearing meeting closed at 11.21am.

Minutes of the public meeting of the MWCDEM Group Plan Hearing Panel to deliberate on submissions made to the Manawatū-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management (MW CDEM) Group Plan 2025 - 2030 Draft held at Te Ao Nui – Huia Room - Palmerston North at 11.32am on Friday, 14 November 2025.

Panel: Chair Mr. Clive Manley (CEG Representative), Mayor Michael Ford (Local Authority), Mrs. Hollei Gabrielsen (MWCDEM Joint Standing Committee Iwi Representative, and Mr. James Lamb (NEMA).

In Attendance: Mr Brent Watson (Horizons Manager Environmental Data), Mr. Chay Hook (MWCDEM Manager) and Mr. Matthew Putt (MWCDEM Senior Advisor).

The Chair opened the meeting and invited Mr. Matthew Putt (MWCDEM Senior Advisor) to present the Deliberations of Submissions Report which provided a summary and analysis of the submissions received to the Group Plan 2025 – 2030 Draft.

The Chair outlined the deliberations process to the panel members which would be given the opportunity to consider the proposed recommendations, seek clarity, and propose amendments.

Members began by debating the recommendations from the submissions received contained in the report, sought clarification, provided amendments to some of the recommendations, and introduced new ones.

The meeting adjourned at 12.21pm.

The meeting reconvened at 12.53pm.

The Chair invited Mr Brent Watson (Horizons Manager Environmental Data) to support the Panel in the discussion of the recommendations of the Submission 4106 (page 44).

Mr Brent Watson gave an overview of the technological points appointed in the submission, mainly regarding LiDAR. He also updated the Panel on the high-level work done in the Whanganui catchment, and on the present conversations with MFE regarding co-funding for data collection to be conducted in the upcoming summer months.

Panel went through all submissions' recommendations. After discussion, amendments to the draft plan were collated to the table below:

Submission 4097	<p>No changes</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission's concerns.</p>
Submission 4098	<p>Change:</p> <p>- accept submitter's two suggested additions to the Group Plan - Readiness Objectives (page 81)</p> <p>8.D. "Prioritise engagement and planning with disproportionately affected communities (e.g., disabled persons, low-income households) to ensure their needs are integrated into National, Regional, and Local response frameworks. Facilitate cross-level coordination to embed equity-focused strategies and community-led resilience initiatives."</p> <p>7.A. "such as emergency water tanks".</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission's concerns.</p>
Submission 4099	<p>Change:</p> <p>Add "Bovine Tuberculosis and animal diseases".</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission's concerns and addressing the points.</p>
Submission 4101	<p>Change:</p> <p>Concerns raised fit in with the Group Plan e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction Objective 1 (page 76) - Reduction 5.D - Readiness 8.C. - Recovery 17, 18.B and C (page 100). <p>Add:</p> <p>6. A & B -Updated Version:</p> <p>A. Identify opportunities to enhance the capability of partner agencies through exercises and training events, including opportunities to involve Iwi and hapū in exercising.</p> <p>B. Strengthen, establish and maintain relationships with entities representing those who may be disproportionately affected by emergencies.</p> <p>C. Work with lifeline providers to ensure current plans and arrangements have been reviewed and are suitable for response to a range of events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Readiness 6.A." such as marae - New Response 16.C.: <p>"16. C. Support marae participation during emergency response, recognising their role in standing up to provide shelter, resources, and community support when events occur."</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission's concerns.</p>

Submission 4102	<p>No changes – Reasoning: the concerns were already covered on pages 94 and 95.</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission’s concerns.</p>
Submission 4103	<p>Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Table page 41 – move Volcanic activity up in the table (over Animal Disease) <p>Reasoning for No Change:</p> <p>Tornado – not predominant in the MW region (page 51 under other hazards with severe weather and others) – if occur it does in a very limited area</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission’s concerns.</p>
Submission 4104	<p>Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correct typo - Visual representation of region iwi and hapu- Naming (page 19) – Iwi Relationships Section - pages 16 to 19:to include reference to the link on the CDEM Website. - Include (16 D): Significant sites <p>“16. D. Recognise significant sites of Iwi and Hapū during emergency response and maintain close communication to ensure respect for cultural values and appropriate engagement throughout the event.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sections 16 to 19 – include minor adjustments re: landscapes changes <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission’s concerns.</p>
Submission 4105	<p>No change</p> <p>However, submitter’s points raised to be taken to TDC (page 80).</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission’s concerns.</p>
Submission 4106	<p>No changes – Brent Watson explained the technology and budget considerations.</p> <p>A letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission’s concerns.</p>
Submission 4107	<p>Change:</p> <p>All mentioned in the report.</p> <p>To use “Meeting the responsibilities of Te Tiriti” instead Treaty of Waitangi as heading (page 19).</p> <p>Accept all recommended changes.</p>

	<p>Page 17 – Adopt Option 2: name the road (Report page 12)</p> <p>Page 55 – Adoption of Option 1 (Report page 14)</p> <p>Letter to be sent to the submitter acknowledging the submission concerns and informing changes.</p>
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These recommendations recorded in minutes are to be taken to the CDEM Group Joint Committee on 2 December 2025.

Meeting closed at 2.53pm with a closing Karakia from Matthew Putt.