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Tēnā koe Minister

Co-investment in flood resilience – expression of Mayoral support

Many thanks for meeting Chair Daran Ponter and I on 19 July, as we lead out the proposal for Government co-investment described in the Te Uru Kahika's *Before the Deluge* (December 2022).

At this meeting you sought assurance that the request for co investment had the support of New Zealand's entire local government sector.

As a first step in securing this assurance, Environment Canterbury presented *Before the Deluge* to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on Thursday 24 August. At the meeting all the mayors within the Canterbury region wholeheartedly expressed their support for the co-investment proposal. As confirmation of this support, they have since signed this letter to you.

Appendix 1 lists the Canterbury region projects included in *Before the Deluge*, and commencement dates without government co-investment. Should co-investment be agreed, these projects can start immediately and be completed within three years.

Before the Deluge has also been presented to the Rural and Provincial committee of LGNZ, the Wellington Mayoral Forum and the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum. At these meetings too, we received full support for our proposal to seek Government co-investment to make our communities more resilient to increasingly intensive flood events.

You will shortly receive similar letters of support from all other regions, excluding Tairāwhiti and the Hawke's Bay, where the government has already announced support packages post Cyclone Gabrielle.

Ngā mihi



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Chair



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Council



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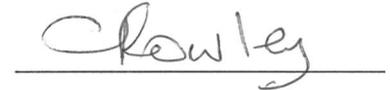
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CC: Chairs/Mayor, Regional Councils and Unitary Authorities

Appendix 1

| Canterbury region projects in <i>Before the Deluge</i> | | | |
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| Territorial Authority | Project name | Total cost (\$m) | Start date without co-investment |
| Region wide | Flood recovery and resilience programme | 20 | 2028 |
| Region wide | Fairway vegetation clearance programme | 2.5 | 2032 |
| Region wide | Planting and berm transition programme | 4 | 2028 |
| Region wide | Culvert, weir, structure upgrade programme incl fish passage | 2.5 | 2030 |
| Timaru and Ashburton | Rangitata River resilience | 3 | 2028 |
| Timaru | Waitarakao / Seadown | 2 | 2025 |
| Selwyn | Halswell/Huritini catchment initiatives | 1.5 | 2032 |