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Tēnā koe Minister

## Co-investment in flood resilience - Mayoral Support

I believe you have been briefed on the proposal for Government and Regional Council co-investment in flood resilience described in Te Uru Kahika's "Before the Deluge" report of December 2022. Understandably you sought assurance that the request for co-investment had the support of the New Zealand local government sector.

The Marlborough District Council strongly supports the co-investment proposed. Climate resilience is a key concern for us. As you are aware Marlborough has been significantly impacted by storm events in 2021 and 2022 and still awaits confirmation of funding for severe damage to Marlborough Sounds roads.

These events also demonstrated the extremely high importance of the district's flood protections systems, which prevented huge potential losses, particularly in the highly productive Wairau flood plain. The Appendix attached lists the important flood protection projects Marlborough has included in the proposal.

I commend the co-investment to you.

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nadine Taylor".

NADINE TAYLOR  
MAYOR

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Copy to: Mark Wheeler, CE, MDC

## Appendix

Council	Territorial Authority (TA)	Project Name	Project Description	Project Total Cost (\$m)	Project State Date	Project duration	Total
Marlborough District Council	Marlborough District	Renwick Lower Terrace Flood Protection	Construction of new flood relief culvert and replacement structures impeding channel flow	2.00	2023	3 years	\$13.80 million
		Lower Wairau River Flood Capacity Upgrade	Construction of upgraded stopbank (1 in 100 yr) and new rock armouring, enabling future managed retreat and stopbank upgrade	4.70	2024	2 years	
		Wairau River Flood Protection Scheme	Construction of new intermediate groynes, new riparian planting, and extension of rock armouring	4.50	2023	3 years	
		Lower Ōpaoa Flood Protection	Construction of upgraded stopbank (1 in 100 yr)	2.60	2023	3 years	