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Westport 'quick wins' projects underway

Four quick win projects have been identified which on completion will provide fast and effective results to manage some of the impacts of flooding from the Buller River prior to the construction of the full Westport Flood Protection project.

The Abattoir Drain project is a small earthen bund which will redirect floodwaters in Cats Creek to the Abattoir Drain. The bund will assist in reducing inundation of properties downstream of Cats Creek. The geotechnical work underway will enable the engineers to assess the soil and other associated materials as they progress into the preliminary engineering works.

The McKenna Road project is a 500m low earthen bund which will assist with preventing overflow from the Orowaiti River. Initial geotechnical assessment and preliminary design works are due to commence in the next 1-2 weeks.

“These ‘quick win’ projects achieve some straightforward engineering solutions to reduce specific areas of flooding risk in the Westport urban area within a very short period of time,” said Peter Haddock, Chair West Coast Regional Council. “Not only are they going to increase the resilience of the Westport community, they will also protect families and livelihoods.”

The other two ‘quick win’ projects, located at the Floating Lagoon and Averys, have already had test pit investigations dug. All four quick win projects will be funded by the Regional Council and do not rely on the release of funds from government.

“These ‘quick wins’ are permanent discrete pieces of work that can be advanced ahead of the main flood bank works and will be extremely helpful in reducing the overall flood risk.”

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Abattoir Drain project



McKenna Road project

