

**Civil Defence Emergency Management
Group Meeting**

Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

AGENDA
SUPPLEMENTARY

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Meeting Supplementary Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 3 March 2026, commencing at 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.

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TITLE: **Receipt of Supplementary Report: Report Title**

From: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to place before the council a tabled item for inclusion on the council meeting agenda. The report includes the recommendation that the tabled item be received.

This item could not be included in the original agenda because we were not aware of the requirement for it until after the agenda was circulated.

Recommendation

That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following tabled/supplementary report be received:

- January 2026 Severe Weather Event - Landslip Risk

TITLE: **January 2026 Severe Weather Event - Landslip Risk**
From: Jason Donaghy, Natural Resources Monitoring Manager
Authorised by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 26 February 2026
Group Manager/s:

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

A presentation will be given by Jason Donaghy, Natural Resources Monitoring Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'January 2026 Severe Weather Event - Landslip Risk' by Jason Donaghy, Natural Resources Monitoring Manager and dated 26 February 2026, be received.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Presentation [↓](#) 



The Ōakura & Whangaruru & Rawhiti storms



January 18 Storm

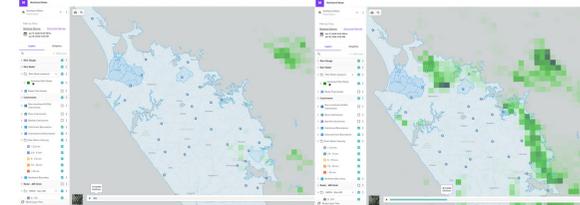
At approximately 10:30pm on 17 January 2026, a storm developed off the coast of Whangaruru. By 11:45pm, the storm split into two systems:

- One remained offshore
- The other tracked inland, making landfall at Matapōuri at 1:30am before spreading north through to Rawhiti, producing extreme rainfall intensities until around 7:00am
- The Punaruku gauge at Otetao Reti Marae recorded **160 mm in two hours** at the storm peak. Events of this intensity are extremely rare

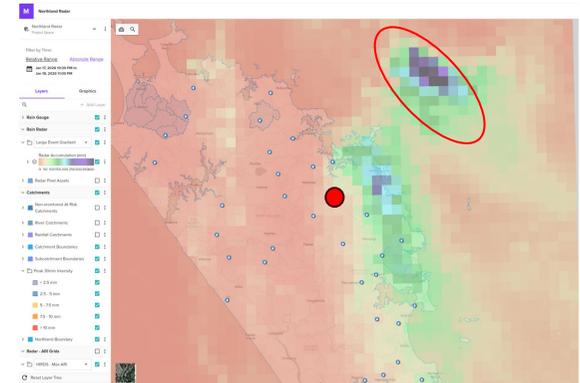
The offshore system produced significantly higher rainfall totals.

- Purple areas indicate 250–300 mm
- Black areas indicate totals exceeding 400 mm

Storm developing:



Offshore storm that never hit:



● = Whangaruru

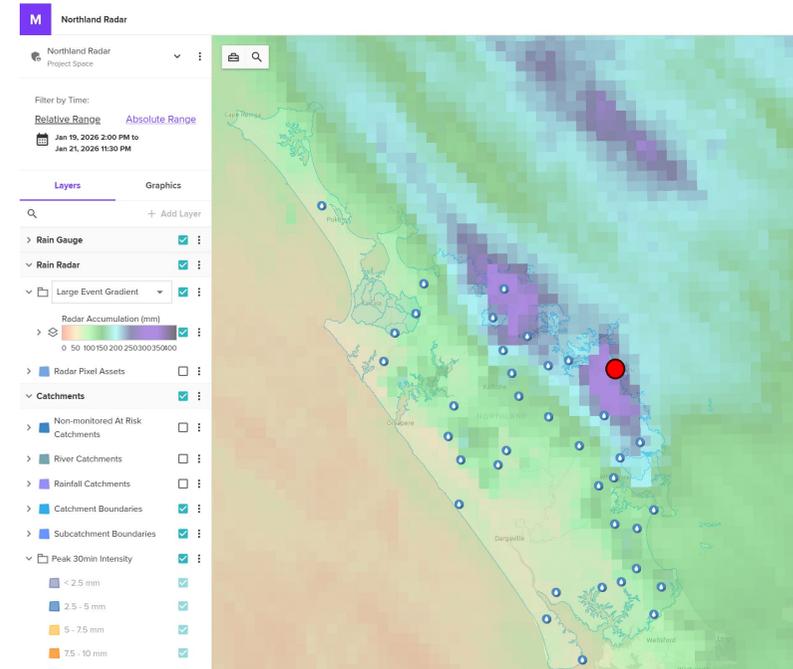
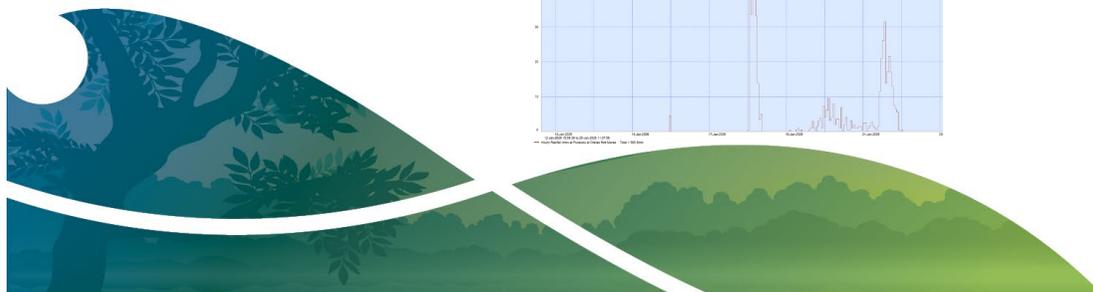


January 21 Storm

A second rain event occurred the following Wednesday. Although less intense, cumulative rainfall from Sunday to Wednesday reached nearly **589 mm** at the Council gauge at Punaruku. Notably, **30% of this rainfall fell within two hours.** For context:

- Cyclone Bola: 530 mm over five days
- Cyclone Gabrielle: 434 mm over two days

The Rawhiti, Whangaruru, Oakura, and Helena Bay catchments were severely impacted.



● = Whangaruru

Landslide reconnaissance

- On 31 January, the ESNZ team conducted an aerial survey from Onerahi, covering Whangārei Heads north to Cape Brett, capturing imagery of slips and identifying potential hazards.
- A Ngātiwai kaitiaki accompanied the flight, providing valuable local insights.



Landslide reconnaissance

Predicted landslide locations and flight path maps

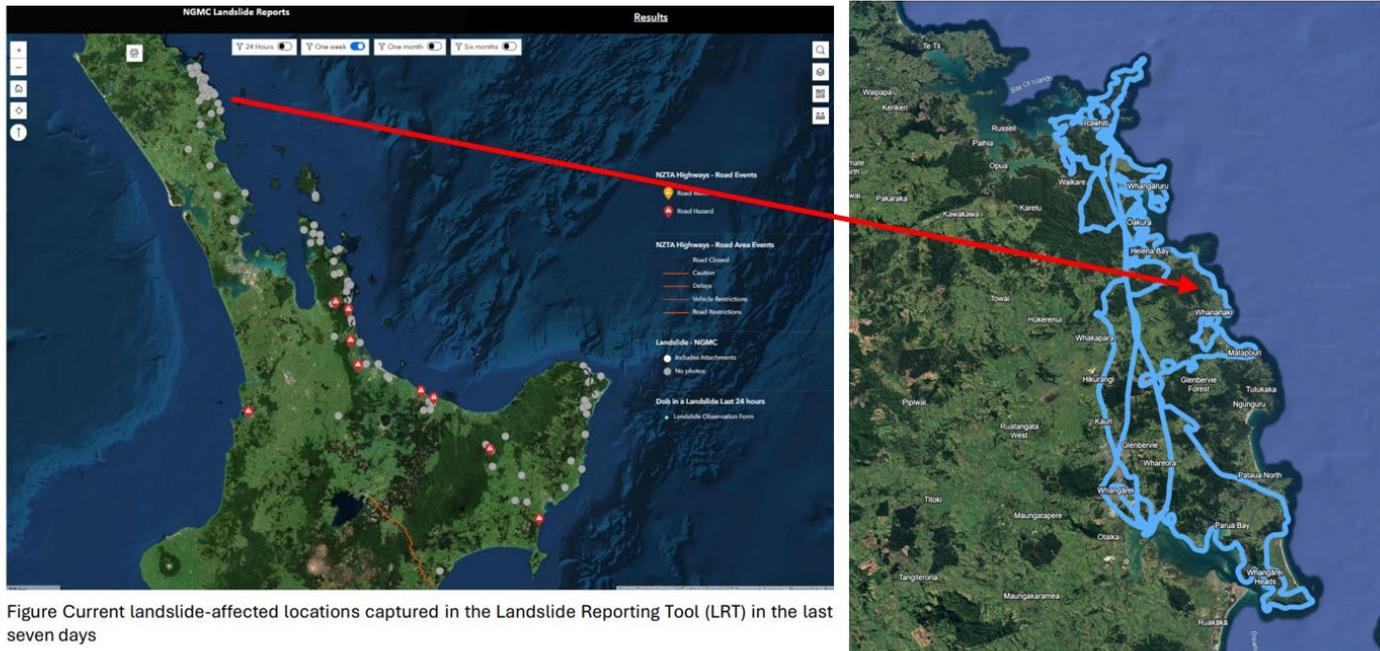


Figure Current landslide-affected locations captured in the Landslide Reporting Tool (LRT) in the last seven days

Landslide risk reconnaissance

Ōakura township



Remote communities impacted



Reconnaissance Footage (GNS)

- [Ōakura helicopter video](#)
- [Coastal slips](#)

Landslide risk reconnaissance

Coastal erosion, Cape Brett



Slip close to Pā site, Russell Rd



Landslide risk reconnaissance

Big slip on Russell Road



Whananaki Camping Ground



Landslide risk reconnaissance

Puriri Bay Camping Ground



Landslide risk reconnaissance

Puriri Bay Camping Ground



Recovery and working with Tangata

Mana whenua and Kaitiaki involvement

Kaitiaki Roopu have advised the appropriate coordination roopu for the rohe as mana whenua. Any consideration of fill sites or whenua movement must be undertaken with their involvement from the outset. This includes acknowledging cultural values, wāhi tapu, pā sites, and the broader whakapapa connections to whenua within the rohe.

The intent is to ensure:

- Mana whenua are informed early and meaningfully
- Cultural considerations sit alongside technical assessments
- Decisions are made collectively, with transparency and respect

Helena Bay Landslip – Tangata Whenua Approval & Whenua Reuse Approach

Purpose

To seek endorsement for a Tangata Whenua-led approach to the movement and placement of approximately 200,000m³ of whenua generated by the Helena Bay landslip, enabling accelerated road reopening while delivering cultural, social, and environmental benefit to mana whenua and haukāinga.

Background

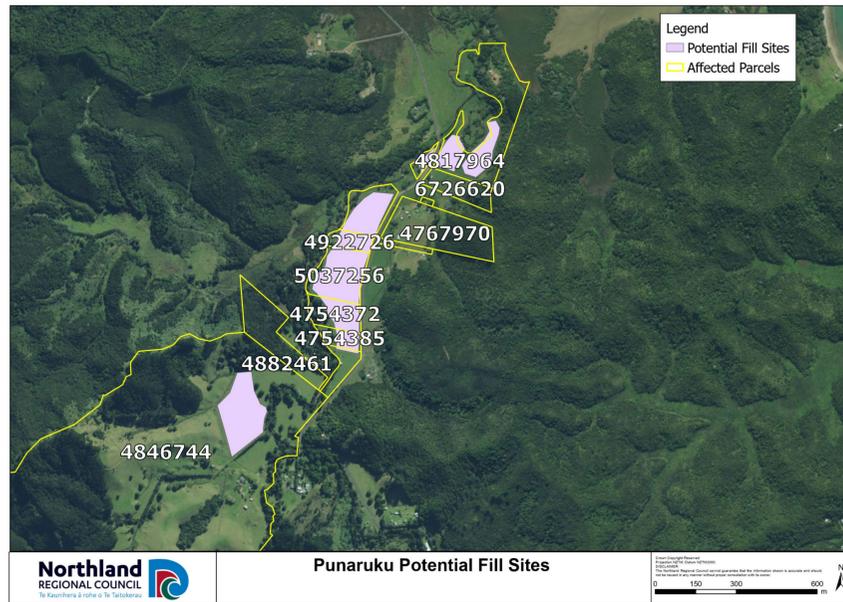
The Helena Bay landslip is the result of a severe weather event and has significantly disrupted access for local communities. The ongoing closure has:

- Forced extended detours on unsealed roads
- Increased travel time by up to two hours
- Caused additional vehicle damage and financial strain
- Disproportionately impacted kaumātua, kuia, and rangatahi
- Prolonged trauma and isolation for whānau

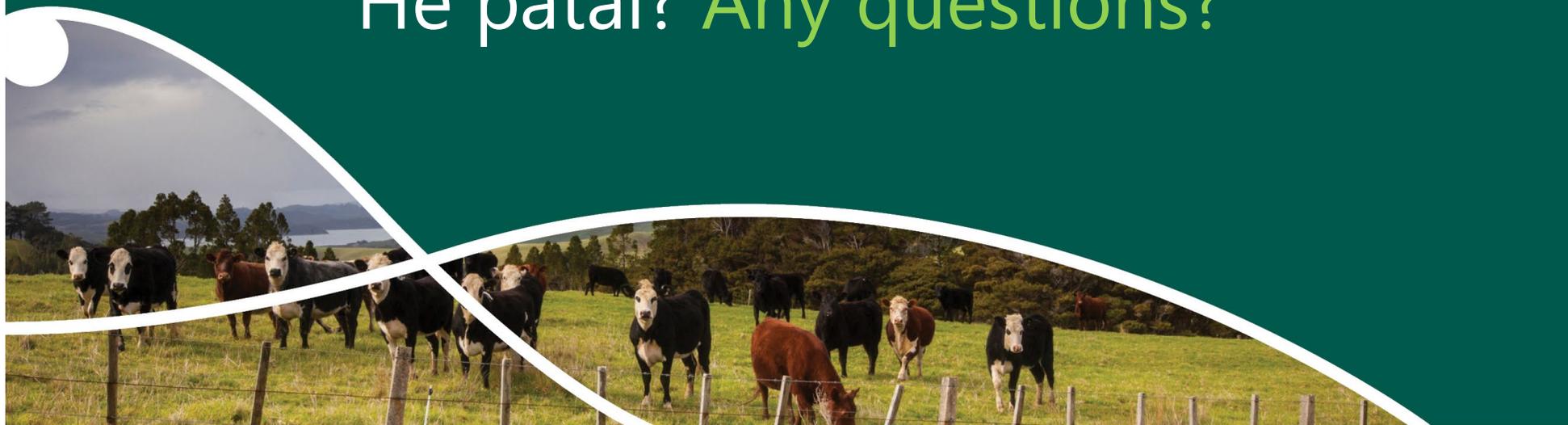
Timely clearance is critical to restoring safe access and community wellbeing.



Recovery and working with Tangata



Ngā mihi Thank you
He pātai? Any questions?





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