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 Lyn Patterson
 Mayor
 Masterton District Council

Dear Lyn

Te Kāuru Flood Management Subcommittee - Consideration of flood protection options in Masterton

The Te Kauru subcommittee is charged with the responsibility for developing a floodplain management plan to address flood risks from the major rivers in the upper Ruamahanga Catchment. Having identified the flood risks the subcommittee is now at the stage of considering a range of options for the mitigation of that risk.

At our last subcommittee meeting officers presented the programme to start public consultation on the range of options available to mitigate the flood risk through Masterton. This programme is outlined below.

Programme for engagement on Masterton flood protection options

Event	Location	Date	Time	Target Audience
Information Booth	GWRC Choice Room	Wed/Thu/Fri from 5 th Oct	1230- 1630	Masterton Community
World Café Event	Zest Café	10 th Oct	1330 – 1630	Masterton Community
Wairarapa A+P Show	Clareville Showgrounds	30 th Oct/1 st Nov	All Day	Wairarapa Community
Masterton Options Open Day	TBC	21 st Nov	All Day	Masterton Community

We have been advised by Greater Wellington Regional Council officers working on the project that Masterton District Council do not want engagement with the public to proceed regarding the development of flood protection options for Masterton. While MDC have a Council representative on the subcommittee, this position was not confirmed during the last subcommittee meeting, and we are therefore seeking confirmation from your Council on this position.

My understanding is that the Chief Executives of both Councils have committed to working together to reconcile the different views regarding hydrology and option development and to that end had reached an agreed a position regarding the hydrology that would allow option development work on the urban reach to proceed.

GWRC officers have postponed publically advertising the engagement programme, but they will need to reschedule the dates and times.

If you would like us to present information to your councillors about the project, and in particular the issues and options for Masterton at a workshop, prior to confirming your position we would be happy to do this. The current consultation programme starts in October 2015. We suggest that this Council workshop is confirmed at your earliest convenience. We do have an opportunity to reschedule the first two programmed consultation events but we did intend to have completed those tasks before the Wairarapa A and P Show at Clareville on 30 October 2015.

Yours sincerely

Bob Francis

Chair

Te Kauru Upper Ruamahanga Flood Management Sub-committee