



Pirongia's water supply, Te Tahi reservoir, as the draining process began.

Together in Waipā: flood response and support

Waipā District is under a State of Emergency declaration, following severe flooding, slips, and damage to roads and infrastructure in the western side of the district.

The declaration allows Civil Defence and emergency services to respond quickly and support affected communities.

Mayor Mike Pettit, in consultation with Civil Defence, will make a decision on whether to lift or extend the declaration on Friday, February 20.

"The weather hit hard and fast, and its impacts aren't the same everywhere. Some areas are getting back to normal, but just a few kilometres away, people are still cut off, roads are damaged, and bridges, pipes, and culverts are at risk," he says.

"Right now, our biggest focus is Pirongia's water supply. The supply all runs on a single pipe. We've got water tankers ready if we need them, but the best thing residents can do is conserve water. Short showers, less toilet flushing, and no washing cars - every drop saved helps make the supply last."

"I've been out in Pirongia and Te Pahu talking with residents who've been affected. We drained the Te Tahi reservoir to have a good look, and experts are working on what needs to be done next.

"And Council teams are on the ground, checking damage, keeping an eye on infrastructure, and doing everything we can to get things sorted and keep people safe."



Corcoran Road in Te Pahu is closed with risk of collapse, with residents downstream evacuated.



The landslide damage at Te Tahi reservoir.

Landslide risk for all residents

Heavy rain can trigger landslides for several days. Warning signs include new cracks, tilting fences, leaning trees or walls, and debris in areas where it hasn't appeared before. Move to safety immediately if you notice these signs.

Road safety reminder

Road closures are updated frequently on our Facebook page and website. Do not drive, walk, or swim through floodwaters, and obey all road closure notices.

Mayoral Relief Fund

The Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund is being set up to help those affected.

This will allow us to receive and distribute Central Government funding and other donations. It's a way of channelling the appropriate support to our community members and those who need it most.

More information about the criteria and how to apply for assistance will be available on our website and from Council offices.

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