



FACT SHEET: LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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Fire and Emergency New Zealand is setting up Local Advisory Committees to provide us with advice about what your community values, its needs and the risks it's facing.

Why have local advisory committees?

Fire and Emergency New Zealand is committed to maintaining strong links with communities throughout the country.

By being informed about current and future community risks and needs, we will be better able to assist communities prepare for, respond to, and recover well from emergencies.

The Board is establishing local advisory committees as a way of helping ensure that community voices, interests, risks and needs are well represented, understood and taken into account in Fire and Emergency's local and national planning.

What will local advisory committees do?

The main purpose of local advisory committees is to engage with local communities of interest and provide advice to Fire and Emergency about what the community values, its needs and the risks it's facing.

What geographical area will each local advisory committees cover?

After public consultation, the Board has set boundaries for 16 local advisory committees.

When will we set up local advisory committees ?

The first seven local advisory committees will be setup by 30 June 2020 in Northland, Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, Chatham Islands, West Coast and Otago.

Will local advisory committees be involved in Fire and Emergency's day to day business?

Local advisory committees are advisory only, and will not be involved in governance, management or operational matters and decisions.

Local advisory committee boundaries



Who will be appointed on local advisory committees?

Committees will be made up of local people who reflect a range of community interests and have a good understanding of risks and needs.

They will be people who, through their extensive connections with the community, can help inform our local and national planning.

They will have a range of attributes, including:

- skills, knowledge and experience of their communities of interest
- representation across a local area's communities and stakeholders
- diversity of perspectives.

We expect the committee to be made up of around eight members, including a chair and deputy chair.

What is expected of committee members?

Committee members will be expected to engage with their communities of interest and seek feedback on local risks and needs.

Committee members are likely to meet quarterly as a group to discuss their findings and provide advice to Fire and Emergency.

Committee members will be remunerated with a modest daily rate for meetings and community engagement, plus reasonable expenses.

How will local advisory committee members be appointed?

The Board will appoint members to local advisory committees after an expression of interest process. Appointments are for up to three years, with the option to renew.