

## Key messages to come from the CABIX communications training:

As was discussed in the training on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, here are some notes for your reference. This isn't an exhaustive list and you will no doubt have information you want to add, but hopefully this helps with landing on consistent messages or bridging phrases for Takutai Kāpiti Panel members to lean on.

### General messages/bridges

- We don't have all the answers but we can't wait to do something, we need to start planning now so people have more certainty about the future.
- There will always be differing views on issues such as this - our role is to look closely at the science and the community's views and make recommendations that reflect what's best for our district.
- We know some people in the community have concerns and that's why the panel wants to take the time to put forward workable recommendations that benefit the whole district.
- The coastal adaptation panel is committed to listening to the community. The impact of climate change is real and it's vital that the community is part of the solution. We'll be providing opportunities for people to have their voices heard.
- We know the community has lots of questions. We are in the phase of gathering information and views to help answer those questions. As a panel it is important, we are open to different views. It is premature to suggest we have the answers.

### Independence

- The coastal adaptation panel has been set up independently to council. We take our responsibilities very seriously. We will report back to council with recommendations after carefully considering information gathered through community engagement and other expert advice.

### Historical relationships

- This is a newly established panel that has been set up to develop **future solutions**. I wasn't part of any discussions between council and other groups historically so can't comment on what went on before, only on what we hope to achieve going forward.

### Managed retreat and who pays

- The panel is expecting to look at a number of options of which managed retreat is just one. We will look at the issue carefully, including who pays, before making any recommendations.
- Managed retreat is something the council and communities will have to have conversations about. The Government's Coastal Policy Statement requires the council to keep managed retreat on the table. But that doesn't mean there's a predetermined outcome of retreat,

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absolutely not. We're simply saying we can't dismiss it as an option or say we won't need to have difficult conversations such as these as part of our decision making and recommendation development process.

- The panel is not in a position to talk about the cost or how this will be paid for at this stage. Ultimately that is a decision for the council.

## **Science report**

- The panel needs the new information presented by experts on the projected impacts upon our coastline. We understand it has been through an independent review process external to council that directly addresses the issues raised previously. However, these were processes which occurred before the panel was established and so this is a question that only Council can address thoroughly.