

## Our Community-Led Coastal Adaptation Project

### Community Assessment Panel advertising/ recruitment narrative

#### The Process

The Takutai Kāpiti project is a community-led collaborative process working in partnership with local iwi and supported by Kāpiti Coast District Council. It will follow the Ministry for the Environment’s *Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Guidance for Local Government*<sup>1</sup> (Figure 1) and take advice and lessons learnt from the *Hawkes Bay Coastal Hazards Strategy*<sup>2</sup> and *Makara Beach Project*<sup>3</sup>.

The recommendations from the Ministry for the Environment is to work with communities to enable them to map out a range of adaptation solutions, based on a range of scenarios, over a 100-year period that have environmental triggers for when and if, they need to be actioned<sup>4</sup>.

The Takutai Kāpiti project will draw upon robust, transparent, evidence-based and accessible technical evidence that will be fundamental to empowering the community to respond to the changes ahead.

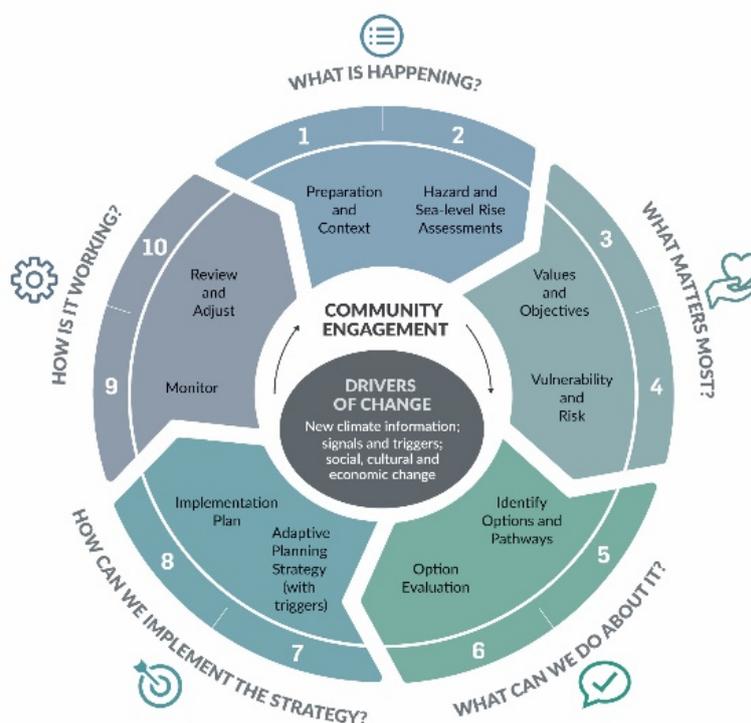


Figure 1. 10 Step Decision Cycle<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ministry for the Environment, 2017. Coastal Hazards and Climate Change: Guidance for Local Government.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.hbcoast.co.nz/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://wcc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=57e797777a96430c8074182984622a6a>

<sup>4</sup> This approach is called the Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning (DAPP) and is designed to address planning under deep uncertainty. More Information can be found in the Ministry for the Environment Climate Change Guidance.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Ministry for the Environment.

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### The Community Assessment Panel

The Takutai Kāpiti project will be run as a series of 11 workshops, held over 12 months, anticipated to wrap up in March 2022. The Panel members will be committing to a schedule of meetings, reading of pre-circulated documents (including technical reports), and contributing to group discussions.

The Panel members will be representative of the diversity of the Kāpiti Coast community and bring together a mix of knowledge, skills and experience relevant to the project and including:

- People with a special relationship and commitment to the Kapiti Coast community, such as - long term residents, active in local environmental work, different interest and user groups.
- People with analytic and technical skills to evaluate information and make decisions.
- People with an understanding of Māori language, tikanga, history and cultural values (such as in cases where Māori heritage, tāonga, or ancestral relationships could be affected).
- People with experience in group or committee decision-making.

### The Outcomes

The outcomes for the Takutai Kāpiti project will include a range of coastal adaptation and management options for Kāpiti, and will identify areas at greater risk of being affected by various coastal hazards over the long term, including as a result of sea level rise. The recommendations for Takutai Kāpiti project will be presented by the Panel to the Kapiti Coast District Council at the conclusion of the workshops in March 2022.

This presentation will be made with the understanding that the Council will consider the recommendations and support an implementation plan.