

# *Help us make your community more resilient in an emergency*

*Fire and Emergency New Zealand is seeking members  
for its new West Coast Local Advisory Committee.*



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**Want to contribute to a stronger, safer West Coast?**

**Here's an opportunity to ensure your community's interests are reflected in our local and national planning. You'll also be supporting your community to be more connected and resilient in an emergency.**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand's vision is **"Stronger communities protecting what matters."**

To realise that vision, we need strong links with communities throughout the country so we can ensure their interests are reflected in our local and national planning.

We're establishing Local Advisory Committees across the country to help us understand each community's current and future needs. This will help us support you to reduce risk, prepare for and respond to emergencies, and recover quickly when they happen.



## ***What will Local Advisory Committees do?***

The West Coast Local Advisory Committee will help shape our support for your community, by providing a strong local perspective on what matters.

As part of a Local Advisory Committee you'll be:

- representing your community's understanding of local risks and issues
- advising us about specific needs in your area
- helping us plan for future service delivery
- strengthening connections between Fire and Emergency and your community
- helping to educate your community about risk reduction and build resilience.

## ***What areas will Local Advisory Committees cover?***

Our Local Advisory Committees will cover the whole of New Zealand with boundaries set by our Board as shown on the map.

The first 7 Local Advisory Committees will be set up by 30 June 2020 in Northland, Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, Chatham Islands, West Coast and Otago.

## ***Who will be appointed to Local Advisory Committees?***

Local Advisory Committees will be made up of local people who represent a diverse range of community interests. We are seeking people who:

- want to use their experience to make their community safer and more resilient
- are well-connected i.e. can engage with a range of networks and communities of interest to gather a wider perspective, not just represent a specific group
- have a good understanding of local risks and issues.

Each Local Advisory Committee will have around 5 to 8 members, including a chair and deputy chair.

## ***What is expected of members?***

Local Advisory Committee members will need to regularly engage with their communities of interest and networks to gather feedback. They are likely to meet quarterly to share and discuss their community's views and concerns. This will inform the advice the committee then collectively provides to Fire and Emergency.

Members will receive a modest fee for time spent in meetings and on community engagement activities.

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## ***How will Local Advisory Committees work?***

Local Advisory Committee members will gather feedback from their networks and communities of interest. The committee will meet to discuss and collectively provide advice to Fire and Emergency.

Local Advisory Committees are advisory only, and won't be involved in governance, management or operational matters and decisions.

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## ***How will Local Advisory Committee members be appointed?***

Fire and Emergency's Board will appoint members to Local Advisory Committees, following a nomination and selection process.

Appointments will be for up to three years, with the possibility of reappointment.

### ***Want to know more?***

*The Local Advisory Committee section of our website [www.fireandemergency.nz/LACs](http://www.fireandemergency.nz/LACs) has more on the nomination process and timeframes.*

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