The Road to Recovery:
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What's changed

- Transition Period ended through Group SOE declaration for Cyclone Vaianu. New transition period not requested
- Corcoran Road reopened - reducing # of restricted local roads
- Waikato Regional Council focus shifting from debris clearance to erosion control and repair

What has been done

- Community connection held at Te Pahu
- Corcoran Road reopened with onsite karakia led by mana whenua and residents
- 30+ Welfare checks on affected residents prior to Cyclone Vaianu
- 26 Mayoral Relief applications granted totalling $98,898

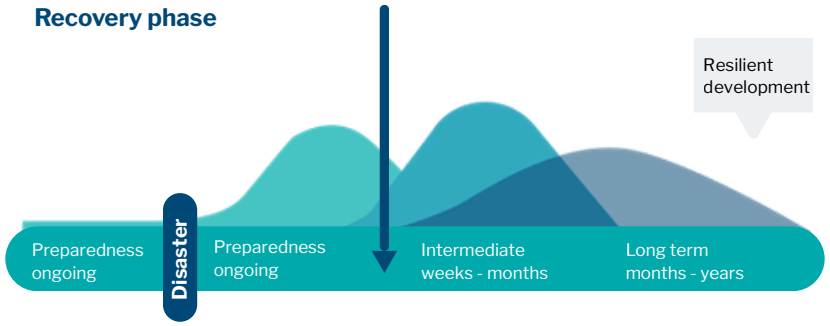
What is being done

- Continuing to monitor ongoing weather events
- Liaising across agencies
- Completing NEMA reporting
- Clearance of debris from Pirongia Forestry by Waikato Regional Council
- Business resilience workshop - organised for May

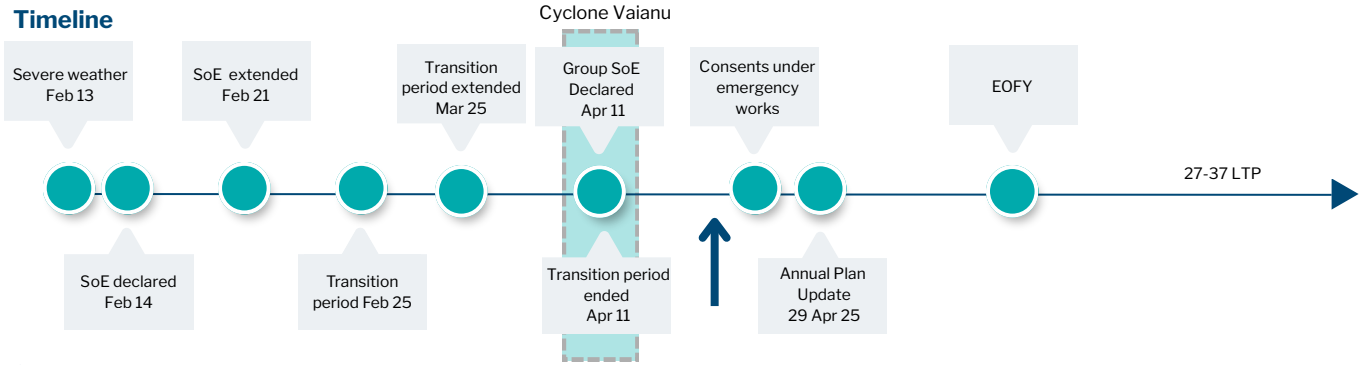
Current Priorities

- Confirming retrospective resource consents requirements, if any
- Finalised draft Recovery Plan for presentation to Executive
- Refining infrastructure repair requirements, timing and costings to support 26-27 Annual Plan discussions
- Liaising with NEMA on potential funding opportunities, including awareness of Te Tahi Water Treatment Plant damage
- Re-opening of Kakepuku and 205 Sainsbury Road Reserves

Recovery phase



Timeline



On the ground

Area	Status	Comment
Road closures	0 -	SH39 reopened (temp bridge)
Restricted roads	1 ↓	Whatauri Rd
Bridges closed/restricted	2 –	Mangauika, Whatauri Rd
Water supply	1 –	Te Tahi Water Treatment Plant inoperable, water restrictions in place
Natural areas closed	3 –	Pirongia Forest, Kakepuku & 205 Sainsbury Rd Reserves

Risks

Risk	Impact	Mitigation	Traffic light alert level
Water supply	Capacity, restrictions	Mid-long term options; restrictions remain	
Upcoming weather	Anxiety, debris movement	Monitor; partner agency coordination	
Land stability & debris	Infrastructure & safety	Closures, inspections, staged debris collection	
Business impacts	Revenue loss	Monitor post SH39 reopening	

Bottom line

Recovery office continues to co-ordinate and connect with agencies and communities. Connections are strong and some infrastructure is being restored. Uncertainty remains around costs, funding, water supply and natural environment impacts.

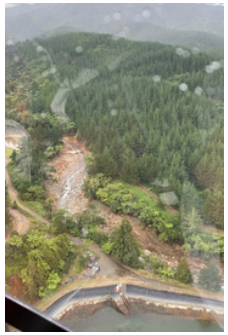
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Te Tahi Water Treatment Infrastructure








Corcoran Road

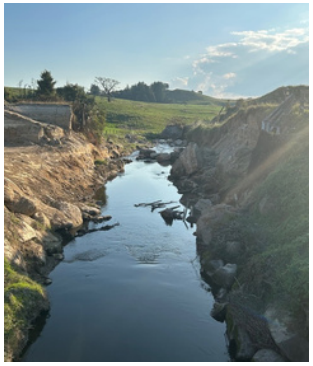






Whatauri Road




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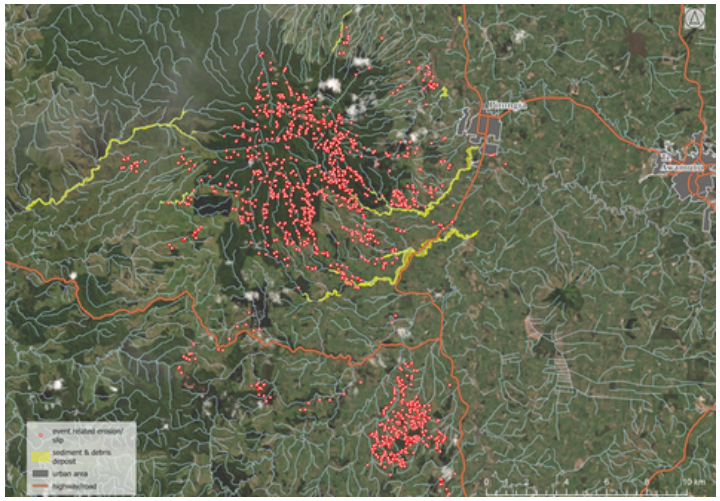
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Community Connections

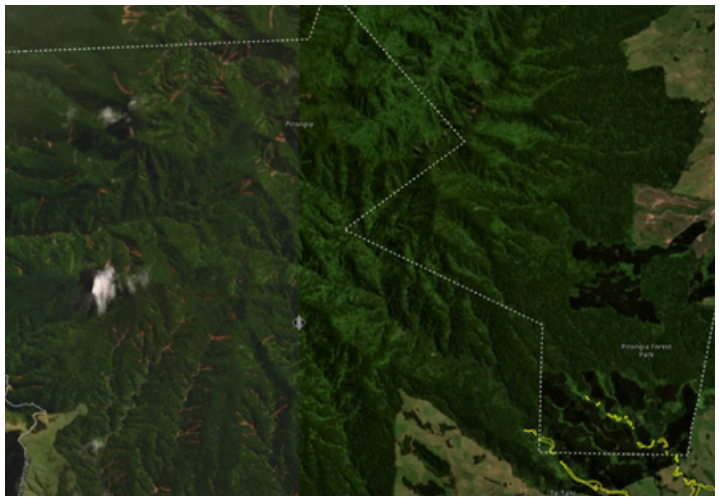





Waikato Regional Council mapping







Pirongia Forestry







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COMMUNITY

Key focus area	Outcome	Immediate	Short term	Medium term	Long term
Community connection and engagement	Communities feel supported, informed and connected	Inperson connection and welfare checks underway	Feedback informing recovery actions	Communityled initiatives embedded	Strong, resilient communities
Psychosocial wellbeing	Reduced anxiety and isolation	Emerging impacts identified	Targeted support pathways in place	Ongoing wellbeing support	Community confidence restored
Access and mobility (Corcoran/ Whatauri Roads)	Reduced frustration and isolation	Managed access and communications	Improved predictability	Longterm access solutions implemented	Normalised access

BUILT

Key focus area	Outcome	Immediate	Short term	Medium term	Long term
Water supply	Water supply secured	Reduced capacity of supply maintained	Rebuild options assessed	Upgrades progressed	Future proofed network
Roads and bridges	Safe transport connections	Temporary solutions in place	Permanent repair planning	Major works completed	Fully restored network
Consenting processes	Retrospectic consents gained	Consent pathways clarified	Streamlined processing	Backlog cleared	Business as usual restored

NATURAL

Key focus area	Outcome	Immediate	Short term	Medium term	Long term
Land stability	Reduced risk to people and assets	Monitoring and risk identification	Remedial works identified	Stabilisation measures established	Resilient landscapes
Pirongia Forest and reserves	Safe public access	Closures maintained	Safety assessment to enable staged reopening planned	Works completed	All spaces are reopened to public
Debris and sediment	Reduced downstream risk	High risk areas managed	Clearance underway	Maintenance regime	Improved catchment resilience

ECONOMIC

Key focus area	Outcome	Immediate	Short term	Medium term	Long term
Business impacts	Business continuity	Impact monitoring	Targeted support	Resilience workshops delivered	Strong/ resilent local economy
Transport disruption	Minimised economic disruption	Temporary access restored	Future closure planning understood	Major repair works completed	Economic confidence restored
Recovery costs	Financial sustainability	Initial cost overview	Funding pathways confirmed	Repair costs approved and managed	Sustainable recovery