



# Identifying outstanding community needs

The Earthquake Legacy Project is about developing responses to earthquake-related changes to the estuary edge that *address outstanding community needs*. In order to be able to develop these responses, we first need to establish the community needs.

While it may feel like a lot of repetition for a community that has repeatedly told agencies what it needs, this will actually be the first time a comprehensive list of needs relating to earthquake changes has been compiled.

As you may be aware, we held workshops with community groups and some residents to get a long list of needs, then collated and themed them to come up with some draft needs, which we published for comment. Again, thank you to those people who took the time to provide us with feedback.

With the help of some community representatives, we've finalised the community needs using your feedback. These needs will be used to help assess options to respond to the earthquake related changes to the estuary edge.

## Theme: Flooding

**Statement of need:** Protection from flooding from the estuary.

### Specific areas of need:

- Address increased risk of flooding caused by changes in land or estuary levels in South New Brighton and Southshore.
- Protect the South Brighton Domain and playground, South New Brighton School, South New Brighton Tennis Club, South Brighton Playcentre and the South Brighton Holiday Park from any increased flooding risk as a result of earthquake-related changes.
- Protect houses from any increased flooding risk as a result of earthquake-related changes.
- Ensure that stopbanks are well-constructed and do their job of keeping people safe from flooding.

## Theme: Stormwater

### Statement of need:

A well-constructed, monitored and maintained stormwater system that functions in the coastal environment, and provides adequate drainage.

### Specific areas of need:

- Address street flooding in all areas including Jervois Street, Tovey Street and the Ebbtide Street end of Rocking Horse Road.
- Prevent stormwater from Halsey Street flooding the South Brighton Holiday Park and South New Brighton Tennis Club and impacting on surrounding homes.
- Ensure functioning stormwater outlets across the project area.

## Theme: Information

**Statement of need:** Provision of clear, transparent, timely and easily-accessible information about all Council technical reports and decision-making related to current and future hazards.

### Specific areas of need:

- Enable residents to make informed decisions about their properties and businesses.
- Provide clear information on Council decisions since the earthquakes.
- Identify any earthquake-related changes to groundwater levels and any impacts of this.
- Continue to seek community input into how information is communicated and distributed.
- Where and when practicable, release information and reports in context with the rest of the city, or other coastal areas.

**If you're interested in reading all the feedback we received on the draft themes, you can download it from [www.coastalfutures.nz](http://www.coastalfutures.nz)**

## Theme: Maintenance and levels of service

**Statement of need:** Well-maintained and cared for parks and public spaces that demonstrate a commitment to the community, and allow for safe enjoyment of the area

### Specific areas of needs:

- Address maintenance of boardwalks, tracks, verges, and trees on Council-managed land.
- Address maintenance of red zone land.

## Theme: Recreation, access and enjoyment

**Statement of need:** Use and enjoyment of the natural and built environment.

### Specific areas of need:

- Repair, maintain and develop cycling and walking paths along the estuary edge that increase connectivity within the immediate area and to amenities in neighbouring suburbs and the wider city.
- Create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to access and enjoy the estuary edge.
- Maintain the unique natural values of the area.

## Theme: Erosion

**Statement of need:** Protect estuary edge from further erosion across the whole project area.

### Specific areas of need:

- Repair of estuary edge erosion protection, taking into consideration the protection that was previously afforded by structures that were privately owned.
- Make safe any unstable estuary edge structures and related hazards (including debris and demolition waste).
- Address any increased erosion risk as a result of earthquake-related changes (for example, lowering of land in the red zone and other areas).

## Theme: Ecosystems

**Statement of need:** Options to address flooding and erosion should also support a healthy, diverse and abundant estuary edge ecosystem.

### Specific areas of need:

- Protect the existing natural environment and recognise its international significance as part of the East Asian -Australasian Flyway network for migratory birds.
- Maintain and enhance the salt marsh.
- Support appropriate estuary edge planting.
- Provide clarity about any planned works and how community planting can support this.

## Theme: Future – certainty and wellbeing

**Statement of need:** Prioritise actions and activities that improve individual, family and community wellbeing.

### Specific areas of need:

- Build confidence that Council and community can work together to address the earthquake-related and longer-term issues facing the community.
- Demonstrate the Council's commitment to equitable treatment of the earthquake effects on Southshore and South New Brighton, with consideration to investment in other coastal areas.

## Other issues

A range of other issues were raised by the community. The loss of shops and businesses in the area, and the state of footpaths and roads away from the estuary are outside the scope of the Earthquake Legacy Project as they do not relate specifically to the estuary edge. Insurance, insurability of the area and property equity are also outside of the scope of this project, but may be discussed further as part of the climate change adaptation strategy conversation. And remediating earthquake-related land damage is something that's handled by EQC - you can read more about that on their website: [www.eqc.govt.nz](http://www.eqc.govt.nz)

While these issues are outside the scope of the immediate focus of this project, we will continue to explore what options there are to address them.