

Coastal Management Options

Retreat

There are a mix of options for responding to sea level rise and coastal hazards for both new development and intensification of existing developed areas. All options have challenges and opportunities.

The retreat option applies to existing development and involves moving people, assets, and activities away from the coast and the coastal processes that threaten them. It can take place across a range of scales from individual properties (e.g. moving a building further back on a property section), to relocating whole communities and infrastructure or enabling ecological migration of coastal species and habitats.

The concept of retreat presents challenges for society as a whole and has the potential to create inequitable outcomes. In particular, the costs associated with retreat (of either public and/or private assets), and expectations of who pays is complex. Central government has signalled through the reform of the Resource Management Act 1991 that the development of a Climate Adaptation Act will address these complex legal and technical issues associated with managed retreat.

The New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 Objective 5 and its supporting policies promotes managed retreat as a response option for existing development located in areas prone to coastal hazards.

The decisions we make over the coming years will affect generations to come, shaping the places they live, work and value.

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