

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Cretney, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Lou Newman (via videoconference), Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Steve Gallon, Cr Jane Burns, Cr Simon Casey

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff
Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), John Tait (Building Team Leader), Solitaire Robertson (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory, Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer)

Other

Flat point residents

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4.1 MEETING WITH FLATPOINT RESIDENTS

1. PURPOSE

To discuss flood resilience and regulatory issues at Flatpoint.

Key Topics Discussed

Flood resilience infrastructure

Completed flood mitigation works totalling \$320,000 were presented, including cleared drains, bridge improvements, and construction of secondary overland flow paths with protective bunds. Recent flooding events demonstrated the effectiveness of these measures, though some concerns were raised about ongoing maintenance requirements and additional drainage issues.

Building platform interpretation

Significant discussion occurred regarding the interpretation of consent notice conditions relating to building platform dimensions. Council's interpretation allows for platforms up to 19 by 19 metres based on the wording / variance of up to 2 metres in all directions, whilst some residents preferred a strict 15 by 15 metre interpretation. Legal advice has been obtained on this and was shared with shareholders.

Some Flatpoint residents suggested that the Shareholders should decide the interpretation. The Chief Executive identified he did not have an issue with this, as long as a super majority (75% or more) of residents agreed.

Water tank placement requirements

Questions were raised about whether water tanks must be located within building platforms, with concerns about firefighting code requirements and practical implications for development. The definition of 'building' under various legislation creates complexity for determining placement requirements.

General

CDC officers noted that individual consent notice variations for specific development proposals are able to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Actions

CDC

1. The maintenance programme for flood mitigation infrastructure at Flatpoint to be confirmed and budgeted within Long-Term Planning processes
2. Despite recent improvements, it was noted that in recent heavy rain access to the beach was taken away due to an excess water overland flow path. Officers will look at the site to identify possible options to improve this,
3. Firefighting code of practice requirements to be reviewed in relation to water tank placement and building platform compliance.
4. Water tank definition and placement requirements to be clarified i.e. whether in or out of the building platform requirements, and if this includes underground tanks.
5. Inspection procedures for transportable buildings to be reviewed to ensure pile placement verification before house installation.

Flatpoint residents

1. Shareholders to discuss CDC's interpretation of the building platform at 19m x 19m. If 75% or more agree to an alternative interpretation, this is put in writing for Council to reconsider.