

REPORT TO: Group Controller

DATE: 21-08-2013

SUBJECT: Wairoa District Civil Defence Radio Telephone

AUTHOR: WDC Emergency Management Officer

ATTACHMENTS: Map showing locations of base sets

PURPOSE: To inform the HBCDEM Group of the progress of the resilience fund project undertaken by Wairoa District Council.

In February 2012 Wairoa District Council Emergency Management Officer applied to the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Managements resilience fund to purchase and install a standalone Radio Telephone network throughout much of the Wairoa District.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

At the time of application there was no formal Civil Defence communication network throughout the district. This was identified as a gap in the information flow should the normal lines of communication be compromised.

The Wairoa District contains a number of small isolated communities with road access being a very real issue in the wake of natural disasters namely high rainfall events and in the advent of severe earthquake a number of bridges and infrastructure may be damaged further limiting communications. This project aligned with the group long term goal of promoting and achieving community resilience.

COST:

Following quotes received it was decided **Colvins Ltd** of Gisborne would be engaged to undertake this project.

A total of \$58486.40 excluding GST was applied for and approved.

OUTCOME:

The Wairoa District now has 10 base radio sets strategically located throughout the district. Work is now being undertaken to establish a regular testing and maintenance programme engaging the community further in Civil Defence preparedness.

Yours Sincerely
Tim Allan
Emergency Management Officer
WDC



Locations of RT base sets indicated in blue