Glenorchy flooding Update for GCA, 2nd July 2020



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HEAD OF LAKE WAKATIPU HAZARDS STRATEGY

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Project Objective

To provide a framework to actively manage risks associated with natural hazards for the resilience of the area located at the Head of Lake Wakatipu, including Glenorchy and Kinloch.

Project involving ORC, QLDC, DOC and Kai Tahu

Work to Date

- Project planning
- Hazards data compilation and review
- Initial risk assessment
- Review of 2019-2020 hazard issues (Kinloch Road, Glenorchy flooding)

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River morphology technical study (in progress)



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GLENORCHY FLOODING 4th February 2020



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*Note photos are not necessarily at flood peak

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS



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- 1. Widespread, heavy rainfall
 - ~300 mm total at Paradise
 - (Nov 1999 was 341 mm at Hillocks)
- 2. High, sustained, river flows
 - Dart to ~1800 cumecs*, equal highest since 1996
- 3. Feb 4th flow peak coinciding with elevated lake levels
 - backwater effect on river flow



* Rees River flows are not gauged

ORC POST-FLOODING ACTIONS

Action	Purpose	Status
1. Re-survey of lower Rees River cross sections	Assess geomorphic change to river/delta since previous surveys.	Completed
2. Field inspection at Rees delta & floodbank	Assess bank erosion & floodbank stability at Rees delta	Initial assessment completed, scope of follow-up study discussed with consultants. In collaboration with QLDC
4. Site inspections at Lagoon Creek and lower Rees River	Review and assess if vegetation growth is an issue for flood hazard	Completed by ORC/DOC staff
5. Review of possible short-term river management options	Review immediate river management works which may provide benefits for flood hazards	Initial assessments completed, and quotes received for preferred options



REES RIVER SURVEYS

Changes 2019-2020

- DR1: 35-40cm degradation
- **RR4A and RR5:** no change (still within 15cm of 2019 bed level)
- **RR3A:** 25-30cm aggradation





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REES RIVER BED LEVEL CHANGE – 2011-2019

Blue = sedimentation Red = erosion





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INITIAL INSPECTION

Initial Assessment

- Review of Rees River erosion and geotechnical issues at floodbank.
- Identified erosion, undermining and scarp formation on river-side of floodbank

Proposed Follow-up

- Recommendations for bank protection/erosion control
- Evaluate potential for sudden floodbank failure, and possible consequences
- Recommendations for ongoing monitoring of this structure's integrity



Headscarps forming at over steep bank downstream of the Lagoon stream confluence



LAND OWNERSHIP





PROPOSED SHORT-TERM OPTIONS -RIVER MANAGEMENT & MONITORING

Description Proposed scope

 Vegetation	Vegetation clearance
management	at/alongside Lagoon Creek
2. Channel	Deepen true right delta channel
works at Rees	to reduce flows against
delta & creek	floodbank and at Lagoon Creek
confluence	confluence
3. Glenorchy floodbank	Bank protection/erosion repair at floodbank
4. Rees River channel works	Work in Rees channel to potentially reduce overland flows to lagoon
5. Telemetered	Provide near real-time
monitoring of	monitoring for flood warning,
lagoon water	and increase understanding of
levels	lagoon behaviour



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