

Coastal Hazards

Land Information Memorandum (LIM) fact sheet

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What is a LIM?

A Land Information Memorandum (LIM) is a summary of information about a property held by the Council. A LIM can include building permits, consents and activity licences information as well as land and property-related information and services. LIMs can help people to make informed decisions when buying, building, repairing or investing in property.

Why do councils issue LIMs?

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) legally requires councils to provide LIMs to anyone who requests one. Section 44A of the LGOIMA outlines requirements, and specifies the information that must and can be included in LIMs.

When do councils issue LIMs that contain information on coastal hazards?

Section 44A of the LGOIMA specifies that information identifying each special feature or characteristic of the land are to be included in the LIM if they are known to a territorial authority but are not apparent from the district scheme or a district plan. Special features or characteristics of the land may include but are not limited to potential erosion, falling debris, subsidence, or flooding¹. Shallow groundwater may also be a hazard that needs to be included on a LIM.

Council may also include more general information about coastal hazards. For example, Council may choose to include information that is contained in its district plan or a reference to Environment Canterbury regional planning documents to simplify the search for such information.

More information?

For more information on Council's statutory obligations to issue LIMs in relation to coastal hazards, please see this from Local Government New Zealand:

<https://www.lgnz.co.nz/assets/Uploads/16edd4fd27/46292-LGNZ-Climate-Change-3-Natural-Hazards.pdf>

For section 44A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, please see the Act:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1987/0174/latest/whole.html#DLM123065>

¹ Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987