

Capacity Building Project

The River Liaison Committees in Southland were originally set up in the late 1970s to advise and assist Council in the development of annual maintenance works programmes and budgets, and provide an important local contact for each river community regarding special river and land drainage management issues.

There is now an opportunity to look at how these committees can meet the wide ranging future needs of communities facing river and water related issues.

The project will focus on ensuring these committees are fit for purpose for the next 15 years. They've done a great job over the past 30 years but we're facing new challenges and we need to make sure the Liaison Committees are set up for the future.

We'll be reviewing current and future needs, numbers of committees, geographical areas of responsibility, links with community and interested parties, and how reporting to council happens.



Review timeline

MARCH

Review suggestions for a refreshed approach

APRIL

Discuss proposals with Liaison chairs, then connect with wider community

JUNE

Present preferred options to council

SEPTEMBER

Start review of rating system to fit with new approach.

