



Welcome to the
***“Waikato Engineering
Lifelines Breakfast Seminar”***

Friday 8 June, 2007

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WELG Project Update
Review of 2006/07

- **Background**

- A self autonomous group formed in 2003/04
- Impetus provided by the CDEM Act 2002 (& goodwill)
- Overseen by a Steering Committee & Project Manager
- Guidance provided by National Lifelines Committee
- Administrative support provided by EW
- Initially established as a planning/advisory group
- Shifting towards an operational/response role also

- **Mission Statement**

- *“To reduce the vulnerability of Waikato Region’s Lifeline Utilities to local, regional and national disaster events and improve the community’s ability to respond to and recover from disaster events.”*

- **Strategic Purpose**

- Facilitate and motivate a collective risk management process for regional scale events and impacts
- Provide advice & support to members and the CDEMG

- **Membership**

- Comprises Regional/District Councils, Utility Companies, and Ministry of CDEM

- **Benefits**

- A collective approach/enhanced ability
- Reduced costs
- Compliance to CDEM Act and other regulations

Ruapehu Eruptions – 1995/96



Ruapehu Lahar - 2007



Hipaua Landslip – SH41



Rangiriri Spillway – SH1



well...maybe not!!



- **Key Work Activities for 2006/07**
 - Vulnerability Assessment and Prioritisation Project
 - Emergency Communications Plan updated
 - Business Plan prepared
 - Working Party Memberships
 - Regional Pandemic Working Party
 - National Lifelines Climate Change Working Party
 - Submissions to various national policies/projects
 - ¼ Newsletters, website updates, etc
- **Operating Budget & Funding**
 - \$68,000 (for 2006/07)
 - Annual work programmes prepared
 - Funded from annual grants (over 20 sponsors/partners)

- **Successes for 2006/07**
 - Additional membership
 - Growing funding base (reduced grants over time)
 - Increased expectations on WELG (advisory capacity)
 - Better networking/relationship building opportunities
- **Looking ahead...possible future projects**
 - Disruption to fuel supplies
 - GIS in Emergency Management
 - Alternative Transport Routes
 - Critical Resources Planning
 - Combined exercise with Auckland and/or BOP Group
 - Effects of Climate change on the Hauraki Plains

- **Note of Appreciation**

- Thanks to all those agencies who have supported the WELG & its initiatives to date
- Looking forward to your continued involvement

- **More information**

- Visit www.welg.org.nz, or
- Contact the Project Manager

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