

A blue Scania truck is driving through a flooded road. The water is splashing up around the truck's wheels. In the background, there are green hills and a house. A road sign is visible on the left side of the road.

Welcome to the
*“Combined Waikato and BOP
Engineering Lifelines Groups
Breakfast Seminar”*

Friday 13 June, 2008









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WELG Project Update
Review of 2007/08



- **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 function provided by EW
- Established as a planning/advisory group
- Critical linkages to the CDEM Group

- **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 1998 – SH1



“The Big Dry - 2008”



well...maybe not!!





- **Operating Budget & Funding**
 - \$55K - \$60K
 - Per annual work programmes
 - Funded from annual grants (over 20 sponsors/partners)
- **Key Work Activities for 2007/08**
 - Emergency Communications Plan updated
 - Vulnerability assessment and prioritisation project
 - Business Plan prepared (2007-2012)
 - Expression of interest – Climate Change Assessment
 - Submissions to various national policies/projects
 - Annual Seminar
 - ¼ Newsletters, website updates, etc



- **Notable achievements during 2007/08**
 - 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



- **Keeping abreast of other initiatives**
 - Flood risk management – global, national and regional
 - Drought – electricity supply
 - Tsunamis
 - Debris flows
- **Emerging issues/challenges**
 - Power supply savings campaign – Winter 2008
 - 2009 LTCCP - tighter economic conditions
 - Climate change – wind, floods and droughts
 - Transportation/population growth
 - Growing expectations to keep services functional in emergencies (re: recent Beehive incident) – we have an unforgiving public!
 - Complacency
 - What is the future role/purpose/scope of lifelines groups?



- **Note of Appreciation**
 - Thanks to all those agencies who continue to support the WELG & its initiatives to date
- **More information**
 - Visit www.welg.org.nz, or
 - Contact the Project Manager (John Harris)
- **Next year's seminar**
 - Location: Taupo?
 - Date: June?
 - Activities: Field trip, desktop exercise?
- **Questions?**