

Benchmarking the Readiness of Road Controlling Authorities to meet their obligations under the CDEM Act 2002

The New Zealand Civil Defence Emergency Management Civil Defence Emergency Management (MCDEM) Act 2002 requires that road network to “*function to the fullest possible extent during and after an emergency*”.

This survey is part of a New Zealand Transport Agency-funded research project, which aims to develop a conceptual framework for benchmarking the level of preparedness of Road Controlling Authorities (RCA) under the CDEM Act 2002. We intend to collect data from City Councils, District Councils and New Zealand Transport Agency (formerly known as Transit New Zealand).

The survey comprises 35 questions about RCA characteristics and how they currently address their obligations under the CDEM Act 2002. The survey focuses on three main themes, namely:

1. Emergency Management Structures and Arrangements, which refers to how RCAs develop and maintain appropriate management structures and arrangements;
2. Emergency Management Capability, which expresses how RCAs develop and maintain suitably trained and competent personnel; exercise co-ordination and cooperation across agency; and enhance the capacity and adequacy of their information sharing; and
3. Emergency Management Capacity, which refers to how RCAs assess the adequacy of their resources in terms of quantity and suitability of equipment facilities, personnel and finances; assess the adequacy of the road network they are responsible for in terms of robustness and redundancy; and arrangements for mutual aid mechanisms and contractual arrangements for emergency response and personnel.

The benchmarking results will be sent to participating RCA via email. A summary report will present the overall level of readiness reached by the responding RCA. The comparison of the level of readiness achieved by the RCAs will be presented and discussed during a final workshop organised as part of the project.

The answers to the survey are confidential and will be used in accordance with the University of Canterbury’s Ethical Standards.

The survey will be available until March 1st 2010. Participating RCAs will receive the survey results on March 31st. The final workshop will be held in Wellington on April 23rd.

Thank you very much in advance for your participation.

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