

Kaipara District Designation Areas for Emergency Management of Buildings

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The weather events in February 2023 and January 2025, affected buildings in Kaipara which are managed under sub part 6B of the Building Act 2004. The Act requires that this designation is reviewed every 90 days and consideration be given to (amongst other things):

(2) A person making a designation decision must, to the extent that is practicable in the circumstances, have regard to the following matters:

(a) the scale and degree of the impact of the emergency and of its effects on buildings in the relevant area:

(b) the likelihood of a further emergency or any other relevant event occurring that could cause—

(i) buildings in the relevant area to pose increased or additional risks; or

(ii) land in the relevant area to pose a risk to a building:

(c) the principle that it is preferable that risks be managed, if possible, without the exercise or continued exercise of powers under this subpart.

Through this review, Kaipara District Council in its statutory role, made the decision on Friday 13th February 2026 at 12.06pm to extend the period of the designation for 12 months with a further reduced designation area across Kaipara District. Designation areas include;

- Dargaville
- Mangawhai

Buildings in any area where the designation remains, (for the purposes of life safety related to the February 2023 and January 2025 weather events) will be subject to placards (stickers) placed and or updated on buildings where needed. These areas contain the remaining placarded buildings and will be reviewed at the next 90-day review of the designation.

