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## Lighthouse Road land instability update

Kia ora,

We are writing to give you an update about what's happening with the land instability on Lighthouse Road and surrounding area in Akaroa and what this means for ongoing access to your property.

You may be aware, during the state of emergency in Banks Peninsula in May, we placed a designation under the Building Act on primary and secondary zones surrounding the land instability zone. This allows us to carry out urgent work to reduce risks and better understand the potential impacts on people, property, and infrastructure.

### Access

While your residence is not within either of the zones, we appreciate you are significantly affected as you need Lighthouse Road to access your property. We appreciate your patience as the road continues to have restricted access and traffic signals in place to manage traffic movements. These measures are necessary while we look at options for remedial works.

Borehole drilling is being planned to begin during the week of 30 June 2025 to help us better understand the groundwater conditions. The insights gained from this work will inform the planning and design of potential remedial measures.

We will advise you further about the borehole drilling and its impacts via a start works notice, once more details are confirmed.

### What we're doing

We understand that the land instability is a significant worry for residents and the community, and we want to reassure you that a lot of work is happening at our end. Further investigation work has been completed, which has informed the next stages of investigations that are progressing.

We're working closely with our geotechnical experts to better understand the situation, our options and plan our next steps. We've completed:

- An upgrade of a farm access track, to provide an alternate access in the event of another closure of Lighthouse Road.
- Repairs of the initial damage caused to the road surface.
- Debris flow modelling, which helps us understand where debris could travel under different scenarios. This modelling has allowed us to update the primary and secondary zones with greater accuracy and confidence.
- Geological mapping, which helps us better understand the area of land instability by analysing soil layers and surface features. This process has enabled us to identify specific areas that require further investigation.

Monitoring equipment installed on Lighthouse Road gives us regular information about land movement. There has been no significant movement since the severe weather event on 30 April – 1 May 2025.

However, there may be some on-going minor movement, and you may see cracks in the road surface or surrounding land open – this is to be expected as the land continues to settle. Our contractors will be out and about making repairs. **If you see a large or new crack, please report this to Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) – call 111.**

## What's next

We understand that many of those affected are looking for clear information about what work will be carried out and when. We're actively working to provide residents with updates when we have information to share and will continue to be in touch with you.

## Need support?

If you or someone you know requires immediate welfare assistance, please contact our community support team via email at [banks.peninsula@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:banks.peninsula@ccc.govt.nz)

## Stay in touch

We're committed to keeping you informed. We'll update you as new information becomes available.

**However, in an emergency where there's an immediate risk to life or property, call 111.**

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Ngā mihi nui

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