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## **Exercise Tangaroa**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) about Exercise Tangaroa, a national exercise developed to test the functioning of the CDEM Group's Tsunami Evacuation planning.

### **2. Background**

Exercise Tangaroa 2010 is a whole of government exercise to be held on 20 October 2010. To date 95 agencies have registered their participation in the exercise, including Local Authorities and Emergency Services in the Wellington region.

The exercise will focus on a tsunami threat that requires decision-making about warnings, information and evacuations. The scenario is based on a distant source tsunami originating in South America.

Exercise Tangaroa provides the Wellington Region CDEM Group with the opportunity to test the Distant Source Tsunami Evacuation Plan and local arrangements for responding to this threat.

### **3. Progress**

The Wellington Region CDEM Group has continued to plan for the delivery of Exercise Tangaroa. Each Local Authority has determined their own aim and objectives based on their individual needs whilst consistent with the Wellington Regional CDEM Group aim and objectives.

Work has included attending the National Planning meetings, attending the National Exercise Writers workshop, engagement with the Inter-agency planning committee, presentations to Wellington Lifelines Group, an evacuation partner's workshop and a mechanism for co-ordinating the evaluation and recommendations from the exercise.

The earthquake in Christchurch has meant that some agencies decided to scale down their participation in the exercise.

However, the National Exercise Programme Governance Group, after consultation with the unaffected CDEM Groups in New Zealand, has decided to proceed with the exercise on 20 October 2010.

#### **4. Recommendations**

*That the CEG:*

- 1. Receives the report*
- 2. Notes the contents.*

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