



# THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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### **4WD Vehicles damaging floodwalls**

The West Coast Regional Council is concerned the structural integrity of the Grey Floodwall scheme will be affected if vehicles continue to drive over the grass batters of the floodwall.

4WD vehicles have recently driven over the stopbanks causing damage to the grassed batter slopes. This action has the potential to reduce the integrity of the Grey Floodwall Scheme.

West Coast Regional Council Chief Executive Heather Mabin is urging drivers to consider how their actions impact the wider community and avoid damaging stopbank assets altogether.

“The floodwall is an essential asset for flood protection for Greymouth. It is critical that vehicles use the appropriate access points to ensure the structure can function correctly when we need it most.”

“Damage to the floodwall affects everyone. If you see this action occurring, please contact our office.”

To report damage to the Council, please contact the engineering team on 0508 800 118.

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