



# THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

## **MEDIA RELEASE – 21 April 2023**

### **Hokitika Flood Wall Stage 1A tender awarded**

Contractors, Henry Adams Contracting Ltd, have been awarded the tender to undertake the Stage 1A protection works on the Hokitika River.

Flood modelling has shown that under the current climate conditions, a 1:100-year event will overtop the stopbank at approximately the Town Belt East Stormwater Outlet.

Peter Haddock, West Coast Regional Council Chair, said that undertaking this portion of work will mitigate this outcome as well as reducing the overall flood depths in all areas of the Hokitika Township.

“This is a vital piece of the flood and erosion protection needed for Hokitika. It’s great to have had the tender awarded with work to commence shortly.”

The work undertaken includes raising the existing stopbank over approximately 700m of the Northern Hokitika Riverbank from the corner of Gibson Quay / Livingstone Street upstream past McMullan ITM. The work will provide significant protection to Westland Milk Products and surrounding properties.

The works are expected to take 3 months to complete, subject to weather. There will also be a temporary diversion of the cycleway and pedestrian access over this time.

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