



THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Waiho River diversion works

Contractors will be undertaking a diversion in the main channel of the Waiho River in the coming week to divert water away from the 'toe' of the Havill Wall stopbank.

This work is being undertaken to reduce the flow of water along the northern stopbank to enable the safe investigation of the toe of the Havill Bank and to reduce pressure on the Waiho Loop area downstream. The work will also include the clearing of the main channel in the river to encourage water flow away from the banks.

“The diversion work, while it needs to be undertaken, will also assist in the long run with the Stage 1 IRG work saving time and money down the track,” said Heather Mabin, Chief Executive for the West Coast Regional Council.

Work is expected to commence within the next week and take a couple of days to complete.

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