

Port Hills Action Plan Progress Update

July 2018

Fire and Emergency New Zealand continues to make positive progress on the Port Hills Action Plan. Since the last update in January this year, a number of further actions have been completed, and others brought back on track.

As at 31 July, all five Fire and Emergency regions have conducted successful regional exercises, which met the following objectives:

- Joint attendance (involving both rural and urban personnel) and our partner agencies
- Teams worked well together
- The exercises ended with a successful resolution
- Learnings have been identified

Four regions have also conducted multi-agency exercises with the remaining region to conduct their multi-agency exercise by the end of the month. The co-location of emergency services for the Christchurch area in the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct further supports interoperability between agencies in the region.

Personnel have been given guidance and instructions on how to better use cordons, including for providing information to the public, before and after a Civil Defence emergency is declared. Regions have already started to incorporate this guidance into their exercises.

Some actions in the Port Hills Action Plan are currently on hold as decisions about the Coordinated Incident Management System for New Zealand is now under review. Fire and Emergency New Zealand is working with other emergency management organisations to identify the best Coordinated Incident Management System for New Zealand. Once this decision is made, the remaining Port Hills Actions will be completed.

