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**Dear Resident,**

### **Civil Defence planning for our community – Help yourselves**

In the wake of the Christchurch earthquake, your Hunua, Ararimu, Paparimu Valley Resident's Association has formed an Emergency Response Group working with Auckland Council Civil Defence to develop a Community Response Plan for our 3 communities.

The Neighbourhood Response Plan is designed to assist the emergency services and to help the community to be able to look after itself for up to 72 hours, during a significant emergency event.

The plan will include:

- hazards that our 3 communities are likely to face
- how we will communicate with you in an emergency and what you need to do;
- what to do if evacuation is necessary and possible evacuation points;
- local emergency contacts;
- local resources that can be used during an emergency.

We need your help to gather local information for the plan. We also need a good record of local skills and resources that may be essential during an emergency. Could you please fill in and return the brief form on the back of this letter?

Our Neighbourhood Support network provides vital service to this plan, so if you would like to be involved, please complete this section also.

We appreciate the personal nature of the information that you may be supplying - please be assured that it will be kept in strict confidence by Auckland Council Civil Defence and the Emergency Response Group. It will only be referred to in the event of civil defence emergency, for example, when we need to identify people at risk who need priority assistance, the information you've taken the time to provide could make all the difference.

*Could you please complete the Information Form on the back of this letter and return it in the enclosed envelope or email it to our Auckland Council Civil Defence Coordinator [Craig.bosson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Craig.bosson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) by October 21, 2011.*

**If you have any questions about this, please talk to any member of the Hunua, Ararimu and Paparimu Valley Emergency Response Group:**

Lisa Abernathy, Jane Berney, Tina Bogaard, Mike Henwood, Mary Ingle, Jackie Julian, Mike Julian, Ray Matheson, Phil Newland, Carol White

## Keeping our communities safe: Information Form for Hunua, Ararimu, Paparimu

In the event of a civil defence emergency we will require special assistance for a member of our household.

*Please note, if you tick this box, we will need your phone number and street address to ensure that you are given priority in an emergency situation.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of a civil defence emergency we have access to:

- |                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ↓ Generators              | ↓ Earth moving equipment       |
| ↓ Satellite phones        | ↓ Radio telephones             |
| ↓ Heavy lifting equipment | ↓ Other (please specify) _____ |
| ↓ Tarpaulins              |                                |

In the event of a civil defence emergency we have skills in these areas:

- |                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| ↓ Healthcare    | ↓ Electrical                   |
| ↓ Communication | ↓ Other (please specify) _____ |

### Neighbourhood Watch:

I / we would like to be involved in Neighbourhood Support.

I / we are already involved in Neighbourhood Support for the area covering

\_\_\_\_\_ Street / Road.

### Please complete this section:

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information please contact Craig Bosson, Emergency Management Coordinator South on (09) 267 8871, read more on [www.hunua.org.nz](http://www.hunua.org.nz), [www.ararimu.org.nz](http://www.ararimu.org.nz), [www.paparimu.org.nz](http://www.paparimu.org.nz), or contact any member of the Emergency Response Group listed on the front of this letter.

### **Please complete and return by October 21, 2011**

Please complete and return this form using the enclosed envelope, or email it to to our Council Civil Defence Emergency Management Coordinator; [Craig.bosson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Craig.bosson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

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