

Adoption of the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2018

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| TO | Thames-Coromandel District Council |
| FROM | Ashleigh Howard – Policy Planner |
| DATE | 20 November 2018 |
| SUBJECT | Adoption of the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2018 |

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to present the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2018 for Council adoption.

2 Background

The Building (earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act, which came into force on 1 July 2017, meant the 'Earthquake-prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2006' could not remain in its current state. Council is no longer required to maintain a policy on earthquake-prone buildings, but is still required to have a policy on dangerous and insanitary buildings.

The legislative changes to the Building Act in May 2016 require the Council to have a policy on dangerous and insanitary buildings in place by 1 January 2019.

Council approved a draft dangerous and insanitary buildings policy for public consultation at its meeting on 7 August 2018. Consultation took place from 10 August 2018 – 10 September 2018. There were no submissions received on the proposed policy and staff have no new information that required Council deliberations.

3 Issue

Council must adopt a Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy before 1 January 2019..

4 Discussion

Staff have proposed to Council that the current Dangerous, Earthquake-prone and Insanitary Policy 2006 is amended, by removing all references to earthquake-prone buildings, by combining dangerous and insanitary sections that were previously separated and by transferring the policy into the new Council format.

The proposed amendments reflect legislative change under the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act. The Act requires a national earthquake-prone building policy that will be managed by Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Council is required to maintain a Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings policy under section 131 of the Building Act 2004, and to review that policy no more than every five years.

Administrative changes were the only ones recommended by staff in undertaking a review of the policy, to align it with changed legislation following enactment of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report 'Adoption of the Dangerous and Insanitary buildings policy 2018' dated 20 November 2018
2. Adopts the 'Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2018' as included as Attachment A to the agenda report.

References-tabled/Agenda attachments

Attachment A *Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2018*

Attachment A

Attachment A - DRAFT Dangerous and Insanitary Policy

