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Dear Doug and Daran

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2023 about building community resilience against flood risks. Thank you, also, for the copy of the report *Before the Deluge*, which I received in my capacity as the Associate Minister of Local Government in late 2022.

With recent weather events at the forefront of everyone's mind, it is critical that we bolster New Zealand's flood resilience. The Government is committed to working with local government, businesses, and communities to build with greater resilience and to be better prepared to withstand the next extreme weather event.

I have passed onto officials at the Department of Internal Affairs your suggestions regarding co-investment.

I encourage you to continue to engage with Kānoa | Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit within the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kieran McAnulty'.

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