

Pathway for multi-unit property buy-outs following the 2023 storms

Action			
1	The owner of the storm-affected property voluntarily enters Auckland Council's property categorisation programme.		
2	If a risk assessment determines intolerable future risk to life at the property, it is assigned a Category 3.		
3	The homeowner is offered a buy-out offer and if they agree, a sale and purchase process is completed.		
4	The council becomes the owner of the property and informs the other multi-unit owners.		
5	The council assesses future options for the property including removal of the house, making it safe by converting it to non-residential space, or in some cases mitigation work. They may have to wait for categorisation of other homes in that multi-unit property to be categorised.		
6	The council maintains the property until plans are confirmed, which may take time as more than 900 storm-affected homes are being purchased.		
7	Once a preferred option has been identified, the council engages with other multi-unit owners including seeking any written permissions.		
8	House removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the house/unit is to be removed, the deconstruction company liaises with affected neighbours about the timing of the removal or deconstruction. • After the house/unit is removed, the council engages with other multi-unit owners on the options for the future use of the land. 	OR	Reducing risk at the property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is undertaken to reduce the risk from future severe weather events to a tolerable level e.g. convert the unit to non-residential use. • After the work is completed, the council engages with the other owners and agrees the future ownership.

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