

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 that can't be feasibly mitigated, 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 and the property manager (if applicable).				
5	The council assesses future options for the property. Depending on the nature of the property, this could include removing the unit, making it safe by converting it to non-habitable space, mitigation work or, in some cases, potential for redevelopment. They may have to wait for categorisation of other homes in that multi-unit property to be completed.				
6	The council maintains the property until plans are confirmed, which may take time as around 1200 storm-affected homes are being purchased.				
7	Once information on the options is available, the council engages with other multi-unit owners to reach a decision or to seek 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-habitable space. After the work is completed, the council engages with the other owners to discuss future ownership. 	OR	Redevelopment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where council has purchased all units on the site, safe redevelopment is an option that would be considered. This option may also apply where there is a mix of council and private ownership.

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