

CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION FILENOTE

Property:	23 Pomare Road, Tirohanga, Lower Hutt 5010
Claim number:	CLM/2013/012122
Date of loss:	19 June 2013
Date of filenote:	28 July 2026
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This filenote constitutes NHC's correction and clarification of the historical description of the above claim and must remain linked to the property and claim records.

Purpose

This filenote records a correction and clarification concerning the description of the natural hazard event associated with the claim CLM/2013/012122 of loss date 19 June 2013.

The original claim records have not been altered, as they form part of the historical record of the information recorded and decisions made at the time. This filenote should be read alongside those records and provided with them in response to any future request for information concerning this claim or property.

Correction and clarification

Some historical NHC/EQC records describe the event as "inundation from a blocked creek following a fallen tree", or use similar references to flooding, inundation, or a creek.

That description does not accurately convey the nature or scale of the event.

Based on the information subsequently provided by the property owner, and the information available on the claim file, the event is more accurately described as follows:

During a storm, a tree on a neighbouring property fell and temporarily obstructed a small field drain on or near the property. The obstruction caused temporary surface water and debris to affect a limited area of the grass tennis court.

The property owner has advised, and NHC's records do not indicate otherwise, that:

- there is no creek on the property;
- no building was flooded;
- no part of the property was submerged;
- no creek overflow occurred; and
- the event was not a significant or widespread flooding event.

The resulting damage was minor and principally involved clearing the obstruction and debris, restoring drainage, and reinstating a small area of damaged grass. The claim was settled for \$1,132.61.

Accordingly, references in the historical claim records to a “blocked creek”, or wording that could reasonably suggest a substantial flood or inundation event, should not be relied upon as an accurate description of what occurred or as evidence that the property is flood-prone.

Other matters raised by the property owner

The property owner has advised NHC that information associated with this claim was subsequently considered by Hutt City Council and Wellington Water in connection with flood hazard information for the property, and that flood and inundation hazard notations were later removed following further review.

NHC has not independently determined the extent to which the 2013 claim information influenced any decision made by those organisations. This filenote therefore does not make any finding about the cause of those decisions. Its purpose is to ensure that NHC’s records clearly and accurately explain the nature and limited scale of the 2013 event.

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