

## Building business resilience to climate change

### *BIDs invited to help shape city's climate action plan*

Auckland's town centres and commercial precincts are already feeling the impacts of climate change, with the rise in sea level and increased storm events causing business disruption throughout our city.

The April storm is a recent example of this, as is the New Lynn, *pictured*, and Mission Bay flooding. Understanding the climate risks and vulnerabilities facing businesses is critical. Building resilience to climate change helps keep businesses operational and profitable, while also ensuring their employees are safe and productive.



*New Lynn flooding, 2017*

Auckland Council is facilitating the development of a region-wide *Climate Action Plan* which will set out a pathway to ambitiously reduce carbon emissions and prepare Auckland for the impacts of a changing climate.

### *We see the BIDs and BID members as key to this work.*

At the BID network meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June, **John Mauro** (Auckland Council's Chief Sustainability Officer) and **Alexandra Clement-Jones** (Sustainability & Resilience Advisor) will:

- Provide an overview of the impacts of climate change and what this means for Auckland
- Share progress on the development of the *Climate Action Plan*
- Invite BID programme managers to contribute to the city's climate planning.

"Business involvement in preparing Auckland to the impacts of climate change is critical," says John Mauro, *pictured below*.

"We look forward to working with you to develop this plan and build resilience across Auckland's business community and economy."



John Mauro



Alexandra Clement-Jones