

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Creates agreement between governments to develop common approaches to flood risk management. It plugs inter-organisational gaps, provides support for implementation, and levels out differences in experience and capacity.

The Small View

Communities are involved in decision making

Local interests are respected

The Large View

National interests are respected

Natural and social systems are integrated

Being aware of natural systems

Inter-organisational risk is managed

The Long View

The future is watched

Change is anticipated and planned for

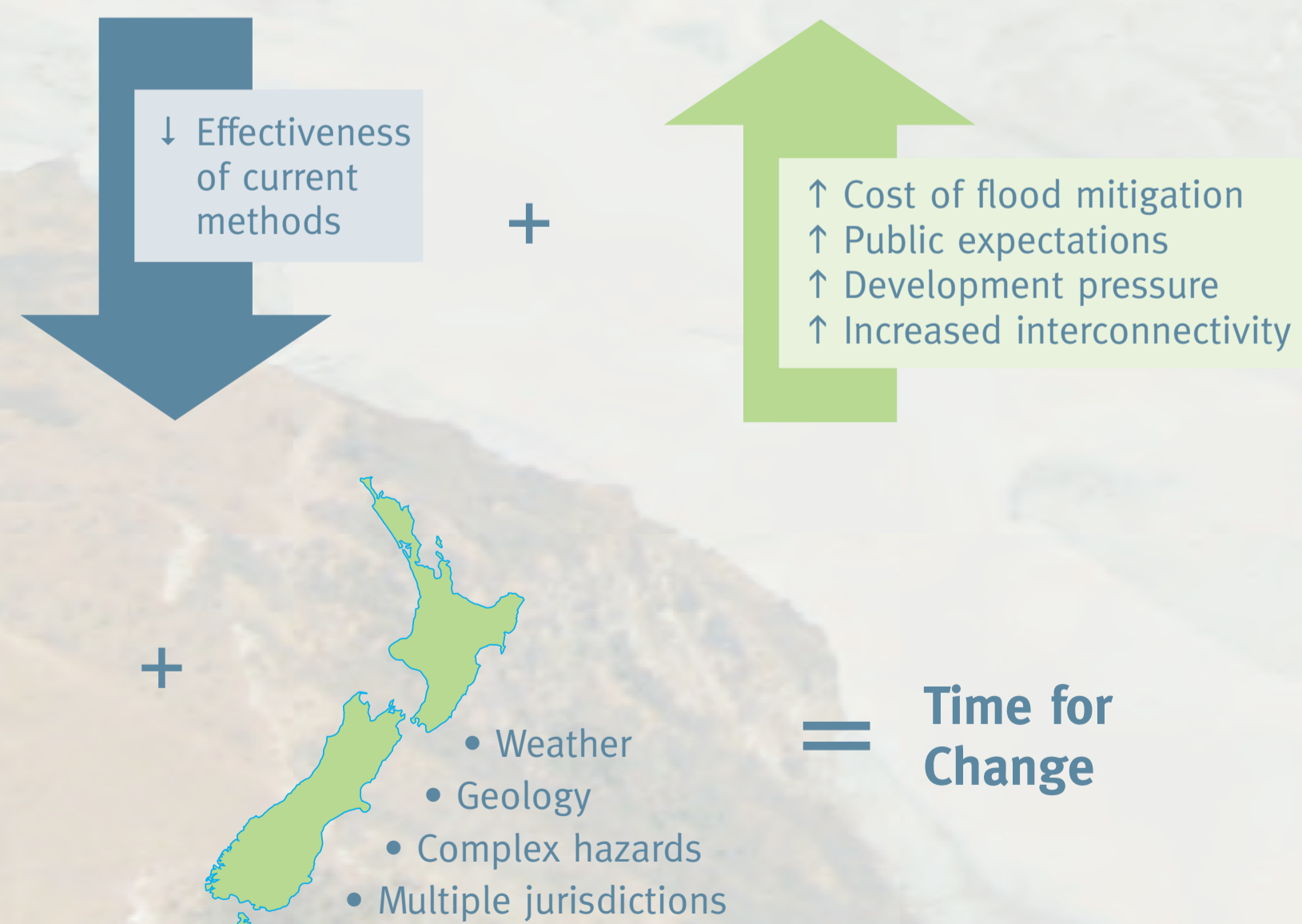
All options are examined fairly

Consequences are addressed

Sustainable outcomes are a priority

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The current system leaves gaps, creates isolated responses, and cannot maintain current knowledge.



BENEFITS

Risk management, which encourages a wider assessment of options and raises awareness of residual risks.

Catchment based management, which provides a natural framework within which to manage for sustainable outcomes.

Sustainability, which brings natural and social systems together over the long term.

Adaptive management, which ensures that changes in natural processes, hazards, exposed values and their vulnerability relevant to flood risk are anticipated and addressed in a timely manner.

OUTCOMES

Governments required to take action when risk is identified: 'opting-out' will no longer be possible.

Improved negotiations within local government, and between local and central governments.

Increased opportunities for integrating engineering and environmental management objectives.

Encourages shared knowledge, and standard methodology, consistent risk strategies, and more defensible decisions.

Provides communities with more security from a common approach, longer-term solutions, less conflict among governments, more efficient service delivery, and reduced personal and business risk.

Provides a common framework for practice, improved sharing and prioritising, and easier engagement with governments over funding and flood management methodologies.

Provides central government with the knowledge:

- That local government is approaching flood risk in a comprehensive manner.
- That clarifies where critical issues exist.
- That provides better intelligence for targeted support.

THE FUTURE

This process is being formalised into a New Zealand Standard.

FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://www.caenz.com/info/MFR/MFR.html>