

Inner-city water access post-earthquake.

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In terms of the water access for the Inner City WREMO has been working with Wellington Water, Wellington City Council, Porirua City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and Hutt City Council on water access post-earthquake. This is called the **Community Infrastructure Resilience (CIR) Project**.

The CIR project is jointly funded by central government and the local councils, and has three elements:

- 1. Building awareness about the need for household water resilience (20 litres per person, per day) to help people cope for at least the first seven days after an earthquake;**
 - We have worked with a New Zealand water tank manufacturer (The Tank Guy) to subsidise \$200Litre water tanks (normally sold for \$265) to be available to Wellingtonians for \$110. To date we have sold over 30,000 tanks for households, adding an additional 6million litres of water in the region.
 - Each year we do over 100+ engagements in the community promoting the 20 litres per person, per day for 7 days.
- 2. Building community water resilience; and**
 - This is the above ground emergency water network- more information can be found [here](#). Basically, for every suburb in Wellington, after day 7 no one will have to walk more than 1,000 steps to access water form one of these water distribution sites (this is at a minimum- but will likely be supplemented with additional sites to reduce how far people have to walk to get water).
- 3. Strengthening water infrastructure.**
 - This is led by Wellington Water but on their website you can see where work is to date: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/work-in-your-area/#map>
 - But for central Wellington the biggest project currently underway is the Prince of Wales Park / Omaroro Reservoir (in Mount Cook) which will double the central city’s current water storage- enabling quicker set up of water distribution sites.

Many parts of the region may be without water for more than 100 days

Upper Hutt	15+ DAYS
Porirua	40+ DAYS
Lower Hutt	15+ DAYS
Petone	30+ DAYS
Eastbourne	30+ DAYS
Wainuiomata	15+ DAYS
Northern Wellington (Tawa, Churton Park, Johnsonville, Ngaio)	40+ DAYS
West Wellington (Wadestown, Karori, Kelburn)	70+ DAYS
South Wellington (Brooklyn, Island Bay, Newtown)	100+ DAYS
Wellington City	100+ DAYS
Eastern Suburbs (Kilbirnie, Hataitai, Miramar)	100+ DAYS

To give you some indication of how long water will be out for here are some estimations below (taken from Wellington Water website):