

## 1.5 SEISMIC POLICY AND RISK REDUCTION FRAMEWORK FOR COUNCIL BUILDINGS

Date Adopted	Next Review	Officer Responsible
6 March 2019	30 June 2020	Financial Controller

### Policy Purpose:

This document sets out the policy for the assessment and mitigation of seismic risk for all buildings owned or leased by Rotorua Lakes Council.

### Scope:

The policy applies to all owned Rotorua Lakes Council's buildings or those leased by Rotorua Lakes Council that accommodate staff and/or public and could pose a risk to health and safety due to a seismic event. It excludes other assets, for example reservoirs and pump stations.

### Review Date:

This policy is effective from the date adopted. This policy will be reviewed at least once every two years by the Seismic Steering Committee.

### Policy Requirements:

Rotorua Lakes Council will meet all its legal obligations with respect to seismic risks affecting abovementioned assets, including obligations under the Building Act 2004 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA).

Rotorua Lakes Council must have a Seismic Risk Reduction framework:

- to assess and mitigate seismic risks affecting Rotorua Lakes Council assets and
- to take all reasonable steps to provide and maintain a safe working environment for Rotorua Lakes Council staff;
- and to reduce risk to operational continuity during post disaster situations.

This policy applies to all owned and leased buildings.

Refer Appendix A - Seismic Risk Reduction Framework (SRRF) Document for further detail.

**Implementation:**

A Seismic Steering Committee (SSC) is hereby established to implement this policy. The SSC will comprise of the a nominated Councillor, Chief Financial Officer, Group Manager – Strategy, Chief Operations Officer, General Manager Infrastructure.

This Seismic Risk Reduction Framework can be updated and amended by the Seismic Steering Committee.