

## CSF Discussion Adaptation & Resilience Funding & Financing

### In-person discussion

#### Invitation:

Please join our upcoming meeting of senior leaders from finance, industry, Māori, local government and central government, to discuss **Adaptation & Resilience (A&R) Funding & Financing**. **This in-person discussion will inform a report** on market gaps, barriers and opportunities, which will be made available to participants, as well as support prioritisation and selection of projects that CSF takes forward into financing solution design.

This discussion forms an important part of the stakeholder engagement phase of CSFs Adaptation & Resilience Financing Solutions workstream. For context on this workstream, we have also provided a Stakeholder Brief which we have been distributing to stakeholders ahead of interviews undertaken as part of our research.

#### Event details:

Date:	Wednesday 20th May, 2026
Time:	1:30pm – 3:30pm (2 hours)
Location:	EY, 2 Takutai Square, Britomart, Auckland 1010
Participants:	Senior representatives from finance, industry, Māori, local government and central government.
Format:	In-person discussion.
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Notes	Participants are expected to cover their own costs to attend. If you are from a Māori organisation and this is barrier for you, please let us know.
RSVP:	By Friday 8th May via this link: <a href="https://csf-ey-workshop-arfinance.rsvpify.com">https://csf-ey-workshop-arfinance.rsvpify.com</a>

#### Objectives:

1. Identify the core funding and financing problems and opportunity spaces in the context of adaptation and resilience projects.
2. Surface areas and opportunities where novel funding and financing approaches could play a role.
3. Identify key enabling policy and regulatory requirements.

#### Why this matters now?

New Zealand faces increasing exposure to physical climate risks, yet adaptation and resilience activity is not progressing at the pace or scale required. This discussion is designed to surface these challenges and move toward practical solutions, with a focus on:

- Where funding and financing gaps exist
- What is preventing capital from being deployed
- What is required to enable scalable solutions



### **What is being asked of participants:**

Participants are asked to provide insights into five key questions:

1. The types of A&R activities currently being funded / financed
2. The types of A&R activities not currently being funded / financed
3. What is stopping more A&R activity being funded / financed
4. How can financing play a greater role in enabling more A&R activity
5. What regulatory and policy settings are needed to enable more A&R activity to receive financing

We have provided a participant matrix to indicate the areas where we expect participants to contribute insights. This is intended to guide expectations; however, input from all participants across all areas is welcome.

### **From this discussion, you will gain:**

- Insight into what is stopping private financing from playing a greater role in facilitating A&R projects, as well as what types of solutions could mobilise greater levels of capital.
- An understanding of what is needed from government and the private sector to mobilise and scale private capital.

### **Pre-Reading:**

Participants will be expected to provide and discuss examples of specific assets, projects and activities in the context of the five key questions noted above.

### **Definitions:**

Funding and financing includes public funding (grants, government investment), internal investment (e.g. council or corporate capex), and external finance (debt, private capital).

- Funding: where capital is provided without expectation of direct financial return or repayment.
- Financing: where capital is provided with the expectation of repayment and/or financial return.

### **Output:**

The breadth of perspectives represented in the discussion provides a unique opportunity to develop a system-level view of where adaptation and resilience activity is not progressing - and why. These insights will be synthesised and provided to participants, and will directly inform and shape CSFs:

- A&R project pipeline.
- A&R project prioritisation criteria.
- A&R financing solution design.

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If you have any questions, please reach out to [holly@sustainablefinance.nz](mailto:holly@sustainablefinance.nz) or [andy@sustainablefinance.nz](mailto:andy@sustainablefinance.nz).

### **About CSF**



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