

Exclusion zone discussions

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Hi Andrew,

As discussed earlier around the exclusion zone establishment that has been put in place.

Obviously, the initial response established a hot and warm zone, and ensured for public safety, all properties in that area were evacuated. This was undertaken by the initial responding crews, with VicPol.

Once additional resources arrived on scene, including FRV USAR teams, discussions occurred on the existing zones and a view to see if that was sufficient. At this stage there the council GeoTech was not yet on scene.

Once your GeoTech arrived he was briefed by the IC and they conducted an initial visual site inspection.

Over the course of Tuesday and Wednesday further inspections of the site and surrounds occurred.

Based on the discussions on the known facts of the time, taking in the probabilities of some future potential movement of up to 100cubic meters of soil into account, the exclusion zone was set.

From the state USAR Cache FRV deployed monitoring equipment at the top of the landslide site, and over the period from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday morning there was no discernible movement detected to the structure at 6 View Point Rd, which was deemed to be most at risk.

Ongoing discussions between the IC on site and your Geo Tech over Tuesday and Wednesday shared information from the FRV monitoring and the exclusion zone established was deemed to be appropriate with all known factors, at the time, in place.

A discussion between the IC and the Worksafe engaged GeoTech on Wednesday evening, did not raise any concerns, again with the knowledge at hand at the time, indicating that the established exclusion zone was not sufficient.

Based on these factors the exclusion zone establishment is seen to be sufficient, however as ongoing monitoring continues in the recovery phase, this zone will need to be reviewed as applicable as the circumstances alter.

Regards

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