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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Tsunami Evacuation Routes**

Tsunami evacuation signs are being installed around the downtown Mount area. The signs are part of Tsunami Survive, a project to help prepare people for tsunami emergencies. Evacuation routes shown on the new signs point to Mauao as the nearest safe zone for everyone who is in the area between Banks Avenue and Adams Avenue. We have enclosed a copy of the sign and associated evacuation information for your reference.

Your property falls outside this area and so we felt it would be useful to reiterate the key messages from Tsunami Survive. The biggest tsunami that threatens the Mount will arrive approximately 50 minutes after a major earthquake. It is most important for you to be aware of the natural warning signs and understand what to do. If one of the following natural signs happen, do not wait for an official warning – move immediately and quickly to higher ground.

- Strong earthquake that knocks you over or lasts for more than one minute.
- Strange sea behaviour.
- The sea making a loud or unusual sound.

After such an earthquake you should walk as quickly as possible to the nearest high point inland.

Meanwhile Tauranga City Council is continuing work on evacuation route planning for the rest of the open coast and coastlines within Tauranga harbour, so you will likely hear from us again later next year. For more information about Tsunami Survive please visit our website or call the Council on 07 577 7000.

Yours sincerely



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