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1. Dam Safety Scheme Review

New Zealand has about 1,150 large dams that, until now, have not been subject to a formal system of dam monitoring, inspection and maintenance.

The Building Act 2004 provides for a national regulatory risk management scheme for large dams in New Zealand, the Dam Safety Scheme, requiring that from 1 July 2010 all large dams are regularly monitored, and that any associated risks to people and property from their failure are minimised.

Arising from the Building Act Review, the Government has decided to conduct a “health check” on the practicality of the requirements.

The Dam Safety Scheme Review will be conducted by engineer and project management specialist Bruce McLean.

Bruce McLean graduated as a civil engineer in 1972 and worked on heavy civil engineering, building and defence projects in New Zealand, Canada, USA and Israel. He was an advisor to the Prime Minister and the establishment manager and Acting Chief Executive of Industry New Zealand.

This review will look at whether the legislative and regulatory requirements of the Dam Safety Scheme are fit for purpose, efficient and effective. The full Terms of Reference are available here <http://www.dbh.govt.nz/terms-of-reference-dam-safety-review> .

Bruce McLean will engage with the representatives of dam owners and other stakeholders including regional councils. His findings will be reported to the Government. Any decisions on amending the Dam Safety Scheme will be made by mid-2010.

Should you have any information or further queries please do not hesitate to make contact with Andrew Curtis to discuss. Phone: 03 379 3820, mobile: 0274 966314, email: acurtis@irrigationnz.co.nz.

2. Making Your Irrigation Water Go Further – Field Day

The attached is recommended to you. Detailed information is given on the programme and dates of the various field days.

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