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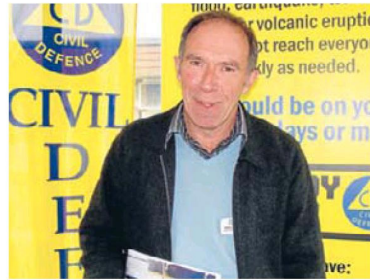
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# 1984 floods could be repeated in Southland

CLIMATE change is making some areas of Southland more vulnerable to flooding and erosion, with another 1984 flood on the cards. Hazard mitigation senior planner Dallas Bradley, from Environment Southland, says climatic change could cause new threats for Southland and that needed to be recognised for future planning. The potential effects of natural hazards ranged from loss of life and livestock, to damage to infrastructure, like roads and bridges, and homes. "Climate change has created more extreme weather events and reduced the return period of floods. We could get another 1984 flood – it's quite on the cards. "We need to take into account what the scientists are telling us and adapt and adjust," he says.

To that end the standard of flood protection in Southland was under review by the regional council. Much of the developed part of Southland was located on floodplains. Many of our populated areas had flooded previously and remained under threat. Southland's flooding risks were also increasing as a result of sea level rise, he says. "There're certainly areas around Southland that might be at risk." Invercargill had greatest vulnerability, while places like Bluff, Colac Bay and Riverton would face more coastal erosion.



**Warning:** Hazard mitigation senior planner Dallas Bradley, from Environment Southland, who is warning climate change could mean Southland is more vulnerable to flooding.

