

# Understanding Earthquake Insurance

## PROTECT YOUR HOME

**Your home is one of your most valuable assets.**

Should the unthinkable happen, it's important to have the right insurance cover to help protect your home.

### EARTHQUAKE COMMISSION COVER

- Earthquake Commission (EQC) cover provides natural disaster\* insurance for residential homes and some of your land. You automatically have EQC cover if you have a current private insurance policy for your home (including fire insurance).
- The EQC provides cover up to \$300,000 for damage to your home caused by natural disasters\*. This cover is referred to as the EQC cap. The cap increased from \$150,000 to \$300,000 from 1 October 2022.

\*Natural Disasters that EQC cover: an earthquake, a natural landslip, a volcanic eruption, hydrothermal activity, a tsunami.



### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR INSURANCE PREMIUMS?

- As a result of the increased EQC cap, the amount you pay to the EQC has also increased.
- Many insurers use risk-based pricing and it's not a "one size fits all" approach.
- In areas most exposed to earthquakes, your premiums may be higher and it may be more difficult to obtain cover at affordable levels.
- Rothbury will proactively work with you to understand EQC cover and what this means for you at an individual level.



### HOME INSURANCE COVER

- You may be required to set your sum insured as part of your home insurance policy.
- This dollar value represents the maximum amount the insurer will pay if your home is damaged or destroyed following a natural disaster.
- Your sum insured should be set at what it would cost to rebuild your home to the size and standard it originally was (just prior to the loss).



### ROTHBURY INSURANCE BROKERS HAVE GOT YOUR BACK!

- Rothbury's brokers are locals who live and work in your community. They've got the local knowledge and expertise to tailor your insurance cover to your needs.
- Rothbury has a dedicated Claims team to help manage your claim from beginning to end, and will advocate on your behalf for the best possible outcome.



**Talk to your broker about the right insurance solutions to protect your home and contents against damage caused by a natural disaster.**