

### Q9: Additional highly visible surf lifesaving equipment to be available on all beaches

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Kuaotunu is a very safe swimming beach. To make the equipment effective, people would need to know how to use the equipment and it would need to be positioned every 20m

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And maintain that that was there formerly.

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Not sure whether this should be our main concern.

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Kuaotunu Beaches are comparatively benign and safe in comparison with other more pressing locations.

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I don't think there are the numbers of swimmers to warrant the expense. (I advocate people taking more personal responsibility in this country.)

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better safe than sorry

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So important as you never know when the equipment will be needed. However, lifesaving equipment needs to be used by a trained lifesaver so not sure how that would work without a lifesaver on duty. Some thought should definitely be given to this aspect as so many people use the beaches in summer.

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Lifesaving equipment can save lives but only in the hands of somebody who knows how to use it. Community training goes hand in hand with an upgrade in supplied equipment.

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A small investment of money for op a potential life saved

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Our beaches are pretty safe but yes available equipment is important

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Has the existing gear ever been used?

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Needs to be theft proof.

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At both beach's

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Good idea in theory but we've had this off and on for years and it just gets nicked/vanishes.

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I don't know of any need for rescues on the beaches in the past 10 years - the beaches seem very safe and common sense prevails. If the conditions changed - which they could - and strong rips developed - then perhaps this might be needed.

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Not a boatie

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It will become a vandal point.

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I do not know where currently life saving equipment is.

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This really should be throughout NZ beaches...

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I think for key areas where surf can be an issue and where swimmers congregate

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Without surf life savers how many people would have the skill to use the equipment and really are our beach's that dangerous. The swimming public have to take the responsibility for their actions

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Otama and Opito need this too

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lets put the funds onto dangerous beaches

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The ones near us are completely useless and we have a plan to use family equipment in an emergency, would be good to have a better solution

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I'm not aware of people getting into difficulty on our beaches but with growing tourist numbers this is probably a good idea.

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If they are they close to the beach -they get washed away.

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Yes but doesn't it disappear ?

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I'm surprised this hasn't been done before.

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Would be great to see some weekend courses available for those who wish to learn Surf lifesaving skills. ? Hotwater Beach group delivering some training to our locals?

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Most people go to the beach with some form of equipment that could be utilised as a flotation device in an emergency that would be close to hand. I doubt surf lifesaving equipment would be utilised in the manner intended because of the response time required.

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Absolutely especially given again the amount of overseas and other holiday makers that may not be capable or strong swimmers and get into difficulties.

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Needs to be secured, maintained and have someone there at the exact time it's required to be used. Don't think that is a workable option.

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No brainer

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