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Wish to be heard

Yes

Joint presentation

Yes

Trade competition

I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Directly affected

N/A

Withhold contact details?

Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
Natural Hazards	Coastal Severe and Coastal Alert Overlay	Oppose	I, Alan Anderson, strongly oppose the Coastal Severe Overlay on my property as I don't believe my property is at 'high risk' from the possible effects of climate change. I could understand being Coastal Severe if Okuru Settlement had no protection or defences in place at all, but I feel the 'high risk' has been mitigated and this needs to be recognised and taken into account. My reasons are as follows: Okuru Settlement is protected by a rock seawall defence (asset owned and managed by WCRC). In the 22 years since the wall was erected, it has served its purpose and has protected Okuru well from extreme weather events. There has been no damage to the wall, the wall has not eroded, sunk or been inundated, nor has it required major repairs due to damage. I am one of the spokespeople on the wall committee and have been involved with this committee since the wall was built in 2000. I feel it offers Okuru good protection and it is well managed by the WCRC. Okuru is also in a special rated area and rate payers pay into an account where we have the funds available if ever there was any unforeseen damage and repairs needed to be done.	I would like the Coastal Severe Overlay removed from my property, 59 Johnston Crescent, Haast and replaced with a Coastal Alert Overlay.
			The Okuru Settlement is also protected by a large sandspit located appox 300 metres from rock seawall which acts as a natural defence and barrier from the sea.	
			To mitigate any risk from flood water building up from the Okuru River an emergency consent has been applied for with the WCRC to open a mouth through spit if needed to release flood water out to sea.	
			I feel the above factors should be considered. I accept I own a coastal property and there is an element of risk, but I ask that the overlay for my property is amended to Coastal Alert, as I believe with the protection in place the risk is low to medium, not high as in the Coastal Severe Overlay. I feel the Coastal Severe line should be moved to the outside of the Okuru rock seawall. This TTPP decision effects our largest asset, our home. It could mean our property is devalued or uninsurable in the future.	

Documents included with submission

None