

Online submission

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Joint presentation	Yes
Trade competition	I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
Directly affected	N/A
Withhold contact details?	No

Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
Natural Character and Margins of Waterbodies	[General]	Support	<p>I am a landholder and resident of the settlement of Okuru. I agree that there does need to be better mitigation strategies around residential development particularly in low-lying and flood-prone areas given the increasing potential hazards associated with climate change, more extreme weather events and coastal sea level rises.</p> <p>I don't support further subdivision in the immediate Okuru area given the lack of infrastructure and the potential for increased flooding and coastal sea level rises. More capacity for dwellings will have negative environmental impacts. Examples include a lack of sustainable, long-term solutions to district recycling and rubbish disposal. Sewerage and soak pits need to be built in low-lying areas that are increasingly prone to floods and sea level rises. The power supply is hydro-generated with the increasing demands already meaning a much larger backup diesel generator is required to power the district, creating increased noise pollution for those living close by. Increased traffic and light pollution will also spoil the current environment.</p> <p>In terms of flood mitigation, the northern subdivision of Hapuka Landings is an example of poorly planned and managed land use given building has been consented to without any flood or erosion mitigation measures in place. There appears to be an inconsistent and unfair application of rules considering the Okuru population pays for the seawall in the village, but there is nothing on the northern boundary that would protect the coast from flooding in the event of coastal sea rise and river mouths changing direction.</p> <p>I would support local solutions to coastal flooding hazards, such as sea walls and pump systems such as those installed in Blaketown, to protect existing property- but there needs to be consensus and an opportunity for all affected residents to be involved in these processes.</p>	I would like there to be a hold on any further subdivision in Okuru township and nearby environs.

Documents included with submission

None