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We wish to object to TTPP Variation 2 Proposal, our concerns are

1 It has been managed in a very undemocratic process

No meaningful consultation with ratepayers

We did not receive the letter notifying us of the variation submission

Lack of relevant information in layman's terms

Mail adorned with Te Tai O Poutini, was this to do with Greymouths Polytechnic?

We were only able to submit on LiDAR mapping, some submitters commented on other issues eg Managed Retreat they were then allowed to speak to the commissioners, as a result of this we were then deemed by the commissioners to have the same opportunity and resubmit

The time frame given for this was very short

Computer maps on TTPP website are not easy to interpret for property owners

2 Data, This process is based on high end speculative modelling

There has been nil data measurements or credible evidence available to support any sea rise, erosion or accretion

The bouy placed off Westports Coast last year to monitor currents has been destroyed, no data has been collected

There has never been any inquiry into Westports floods in the last two instances

3 LIDAR, We are concerned over the effectiveness of this mapping it has given a blanket cover over Carters Beach settlement, there is no account made for properties location, height or risk factors. All are branded Coastal Hazard Alert

The Coast Hazard Alert has increased our insurance policies astronomically

4 Flooding History, we are not aware of any seawater or flooding to housing at Carters Beach

Some 20 + years ago a public meeting was held at Carters Beach with several speakers talking on Coastal Erosion, the NIWA spokesperson advised the community to shift the hall immediately before it washed away. The hall is still functioning on the same site today

Over 50+years ago an elderly neighbour was talking to my husband about the sea , he stated he could stand on his front veranda and throw a stone into the sea, that would put to sea at that time on the main road that runs past Carters Beach to Cape Foulwind today

5 Mitigation, of recent there has been a smaller sand bund built back from the sea shore, well planted with grasses, flax etc this offers protection to housing closest to the sea

There is a small creek past the motor camp which we rely on the council to keep clear of sand and tree debris this allows any sea surges/ water to enter and escape again to prevent flooding to Elly Drive. The council is also responsible for keeping the wet land area drain clear, several sections back onto this and it drains water from Martin Place

Is Carters Beach to get a flood wall?? There are talks in progress

Managed Retreat as previously stated we do not support this, ratepayers have never been asked if they are for or against this. There has been a poll from a handful of people, possibly from Resilient Westport group who are in favour which gave a very high % for this proposal

Another undemocratic process

Ratepayers are unable to afford this costly exercise, the debt falls back onto property owners who are already struggling. The population consists of many elderly and socially deprived people

The Mayor who also represents us on TTPP states there is no need for ratepayers to be concerned on a day to day basis with changes under TTPP

The TTPP process reports their estimated cost at \$8m+ and have borrowed to meet this figure- unbelievable!

We are overcome with increasing Insurance costs, Buller District council rates, Westcoast Regional rates and the proposed flood mitigation costs. This is huge impact on our well being.

TTPP has many devils in its detail.