

Are you submitting as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation?:

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No

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My submission:

I would like to propose an alteration to the plan;  
That existing properties in a Coastal Hazard Alert zone that have been destroyed should have at least eight years, and preferably ten years to rebuild, before any additional restrictions apply.

This should certainly to apply to my Community in Okarito. This should also apply in any location outside of Hokitika, Greymouth and Westport.

A major earthquake or other event on the West Coast will likely result in lengthy delays to:

Ongoing physical access to properties

Financial flows to enable rebuilding with insurance and council complexities

Abilities to clear damaged sites

Availability of building supplies

Availability of contractors

Reconnection of services

Availability of regulatory enablement such as building inspections

Evidence from my own experience and that of my friends and neighbours in Christchurch and Nelson of destructive and disruptive events show that the proposed five years is too short to allow for rebuilding. My own home in

Christchurch took greater than five years to be repaired despite being well insured, and despite our ability to advocate for ourselves.

The result will be individuals and families under high stress without a safe home or forced to live in damaged homes or temporary and expensive accommodation, due to the delays noted above.

I believe there will be severe delays in the ability to rebuild any property or infrastructure across the entire South Island for years after a major destructive event.

In the event of a major destructive event on the West Coast, the further from major centres of population a property lies, the more difficult and lengthy it will be to secure all the services required for rebuilding.

If the intent of the policy is to allow for existing use rights, then consideration needs to be made for the remote nature of areas outside of Westport, Greymouth and Hokitika that will face additional lengthy barriers to any rebuilding of property.

As a Health provider in South Westland covering HariHari to Haast, I am also advocating for the families and individuals in my care, who are often poor, suffer significant long term health conditions, may not speak english well or have difficulty navigating insurance and council systems, as well as having the major disadvantage of living in remote rural areas.

Please consider these members of your community and population.

I would like the following decision(s) to be made with respect to this Variation:

That existing properties in a Coastal Hazard Alert zone that have been destroyed should have at least eight years, and preferably ten years to rebuild, before any additional restrictions apply.

Please indicate if you wish to speak to your submission:

I wish to speak to my submission

If any others making similar submissions wish to be heard:

Yes, I would consider presenting a joint case with them

