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Trade Competition  
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Variation being  
submitted on:

Variation 2 – Coastal Natural Hazards Mapping

My submission:

I oppose this variation in part.

My name is Hamish Macbeth. I live close to the Otumahana Estuary in Karamea. My property appears to fall within the CHA identified for Karamea.

I have lived on this property for more than 30 years. I have been a Buller District councillor and was involved in the formation of the original District plan. My wife was also a member of the WCRC's Karamea Rating District committee for many years. This group manages the flood bank protection. I became quite familiar with how that operates and the necessity for keeping the stopbanks well managed and monitored.

I understand from talking to staff at WCRC (Sharon Hornblow) that the area identified at present is indicative only. The area north of Hector has not yet had the rigorous LiDAR survey and analysis that other areas of the region have had.

I understand the need for council(s) to identify areas of coastal hazard potential. However, until I see the data relevant to my property, and the rationale behind any decisions, then I am unable to form a considered view about any designations on my property.

In particular, I would make the following comments regarding my property. It adjoins the inland side of the estuary and borders the Karamea Highway, ie it is situated between the highway and the estuary. It is about 400 metres long by about 75 metres wide. There has been a stopbank running along the coastal side of this property since before we purchased it in 1993. It is apparent that this has

been added to over a period of many years before we purchased the property, and we have continued to build it up and maintain it.

I am wondering what provision the TTPP might make for council or public owned infrastructures such as stopbanks, and also for privately owned structures. Will the land enclosed within these structures be considered a coastal hazard risk? Will there be any provisions in the plan to enable and encourage those property owners protected by such structures to continue to strengthen and improve the protection these stopbanks provide?

What provision is the WCRC making for the roading infrastructure in this area, or any area, where the road itself appears to be part of the CHA? If my property is enclosed by a stopbank which is at the same height or above the level of the road, would this then be part of the CHA, if indeed the road is identified as being outside the CHA?

The current plan is too broad brush for me to identify exactly where the CHA is, and what contour is being used as the trigger point.

I think that the information provided to Karamea residents has been poor and difficult to locate and understand. I gather that more information is being sought via LiDar, and then this will be analysed, and then staff will make recommendations to the TTPP committee for what I presume will be another variation. At this point, I understand from staff that there will be another round of submissions for Karamea residents.

Until this is done, I am unable to make a well informed decision about the TTPP CHA in this area. I wish to be kept informed of progress on the Karamea and Little Wanganui parts of the plan. I would then like the opportunity to submit on the plan.

Thank you for considering this submission.  
Hamish Macbeth

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: No, I would prefer to present my own individual case