

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

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Variation being submitted on: Variation 2 – Coastal Natural Hazards Mapping

My submission: I do NOT agree with this submission. You have arbitrarily changed the boundaries of flood inundation to cover your own butts and absolve the council(s) of any responsibility in the event of another flood. The changes you have made will automatically increase our insurance policy costs - and possibly exclude us from insurance cover altogether, while at the same time you increase our rates (to among the highest in New Zealand) and offer us no protection from future floods of the magnitude experienced in 2021. This also results in a DECREASE in Property value.

My wife and I are retirees and cannot afford an increase in Rates or in our Insurance costs. The current value of our property has dropped significantly already and with these proposed changes will undoubtedly drop even further - who the hell will buy a property labelled as a flood risk?? - will you - the council - buy our house from us???? - I bet NOT.

When we bought our property we asked neighbours on both sides and on the other side of the road about flooding - they all said they'd been living there a long time (some for more than 30 years) and had never experienced flooding all while successive councils have sat on their collective hands with their collective thumbs up their fundamental orifices and done NOTHING at all to mitigate the effect of flooding even after repeated warnings/reports stating that "something" should be done. Now you want to punish us for your collective stupidity. I DO NOT AGREE TO THE FLOOD BOUNDARY CHANGES AS PROPOSED BY VARIATION 2 - Coastal Natural Hazards Mapping.

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

First Decision - provide property owners with more information - NOTHING was clear as to what the boundaries mean.

Second Decision - Status Quo should be maintained for current flood boundaries.

Third Decision - Council(s) should get off their collective butts and actually make changes that will mitigate any future flood event.

Fourth Decision - Re-iteration of the First Decision - More information to property owners re the actual effect your proposed "Variation 2 - Coastal Natural Hazards Mapping" will have on the affected areas/property owners.

Please indicate if you wish to speak to your submission:

I do not wish to speak to my submission*