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

My submission: I oppose the specific provisions and any future variations or forms of this plan. I question the validity of a one-off LIDAR map, and I challenge the assumption of a 1-meter sea level rise and the 100-year worst-case scenario that is being proposed here. Where is the data to support the claim of “rising sea level” and “rising groundwater?” Requests by members of the Buller community have either been ignored, or such data is unable to be provided. We require proof, not extreme and catastrophic computer modelling.

On the 14th of September 2022, I sent a letter with my partner stating the following, “It is Our Will that the Proposed Te Tai o Pouitini Plan is not passed in its current form or any other variation.”

Our will still stands and we reiterate this now.

I would like the following decision(s) to be made with respect to this Variation: I would like this variation and whole plan to be scrapped, as it is clearly part of the bigger climate change agenda, which only serves to further subjugate and extract money out of the free men and women of this world.

Further to this, as myself, and other ratepayers, are being snowballed into this without our full understanding of what it means, or our consent, I have some questions for the TTPP committee, chair and senior policy planner. It is very important that these questions are answered, as it may allay fears abound in the communities of the Buller region, and likely the rest of the West Coast, indeed, the whole of New Zealand.

1/ Who is on the TTPP committee and who elected them? We, the ratepayers, did not vote these people in, or consent to them making decisions about our homes and communities.

2/ What are their credentials? What qualifies them to be making these decisions on behalf of the 6000 other adults who live here?

3/ Our property is overlaid in red on the map, what does that actually mean in real terms? That we are in danger? In danger from what? Sea level rise? Please be more forthcoming in what this actually means for people and their properties.

4/ Again, where is the data to support the claim of “rising sea level” and “rising groundwater?” Requests by members of the Buller community have either been ignored, or such data is unable to be provided. We require proof, not worst-case scenario computer modelling.

5/ Why do you have a say in what activities can be undertaken on our properties if deemed in an “at risk area?” Do activities include “living” there? This sounds like an opportunity to exert further control over ratepayers, and extract more exorbitant funds from them if they want to make improvements to their property. Please clarify.

6/ Do TTPP, BDC, or WCRC have the authority to forcibly remove people from their homes? If yes, then who gave them that authority?

7/ If homes are “red stickered” and insurance companies refuse to insure, will people still be able to remain in their homes if they choose to? Or be forcibly removed? If forcibly removed, then please explain, in detail, how and by what means.

8/ Can you tell us what happens to the property titles after we have been “retreated?” That is who, or what entity, owns all these properties after they have been vacated by their lawful owners?

9/ Who is ultimately liable if the climate modelling is shown to be erroneous, leading to the stress and displacement of hundreds of people? Is there a name, or names, that you can give us who will accept liability for any losses incurred?

10/ Can those liable guarantee compensation in the future, when their climate models are shown to be wrong? For example, will homeowners, or their descendants, be fully compensated, at market value, if in 20, 50 or 100 years luxury apartments and homes are built where their properties once stood?

11/ Have any LIM reports been altered to highlight properties in supposedly “hazardous areas,” as was done to the LIM reports of properties on the Kapiti coast?

If yes, how could this have been done without notification or consent from us, the ratepayers and owners of these properties?

12/ Many people consider this TTPP as simply “the theft of private property” under the guise of the safety and security of people and their communities at risk from “climate change.” Could there be any truth to this? Please comment.

I thank you in advance for answering these questions and providing clarity to the situation. People must be informed correctly, so that they fully comprehend what is being done to them. Most people do not understand the TTPP, they are just bombarded with glossy (costly), wordy documents and jargon. Therefore, you cannot continue to move forward with this, if your communities do not understand what you are actually doing.

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