



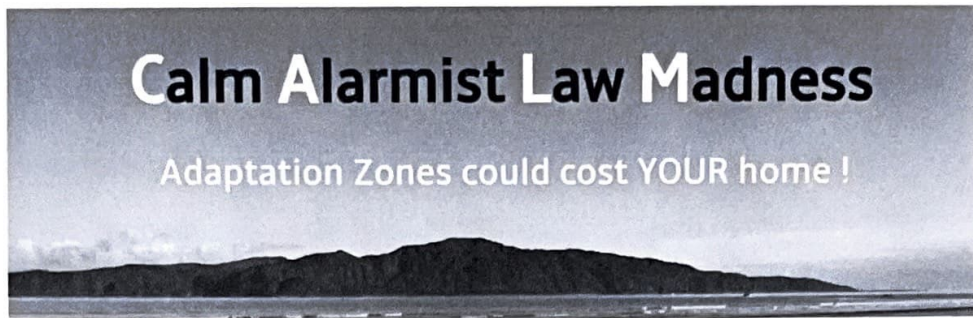
APPENDICES MINUTES

**Paekākāriki Community Board
Meeting**

Tuesday, 30 April 2024

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PAEKAKARIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING/CAP UPDATE
30TH APRIL 2024

Dear Chair, Councillor, and Board Members.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of CALM, a local advocacy group made up of Kapiti residents and business owners.

For some time now, we have had genuine concerns about the Coastal Adaptation Area process led by the Coastal Advisory Panel.

As we will all be aware at this late stage in the proceedings, the process is fraught with so many holes it has become a farce and can no longer be taken seriously.

The climate science is not based on reality, and the 'community engagement' portion is nowhere near genuine consultation with the residents of Kapiti. The same residents who will bear the harsh consequences of decisions made by apparently misinformed individuals ironically elected by us.

The consultation process recently carried out by Council cannot even be considered a serious attempt at engaging with the community. Numerous residents provided feedback to CALM that they didn't even receive their letter from Council until the popups were all but over. There was no opportunity for working ratepayers to show up as they were held during business hours. At least one of the venues was inappropriate - a noisy swimming pool foyer. And the feedback process was so complicated that even seasoned accountants and economists struggled to understand the information presented to them. The average person with little or no background knowledge on the Takutai Kapiti process would have been at a loss to understand what was going on.

We do however appreciate the efforts of the CAP members who took the time to attend these popups and community Board meetings such as this, who provided honest answers about their own process. Despite the Council's opposition, Don, Kelvin and Martin have consistently fronted up when it would have been far easier to take the route which was strongly advocated by Council staff. For that we thank them on their stance. We do, however, wonder if having members of the Technical Advisory Group present may have been a good idea.

Despite all the rhetoric of the risk of climate change no one seems to be asking how our ratepayers can afford to pay for the hypothetical pathways CAP and Jacobs are tabling in their recent economic analysis for KCDC consideration in June.

The figures are in excess of \$1B (which is a cost of approximately \$40,000 per ratepayer).

The critical point is that if KCDC adopt CAP's recommendations, they will be making Kapiti uneconomical to live in and will instigate the demise of our valued tūrangawaewae. Residents struggling with mortgages and rent, and the cost-of-living crisis in general, now face astronomical insurance premiums and the very real potential for insurance being cancelled. This is unfortunately already happening and is harming people.

