

**FURTHER SUBMISSION FROM CHRISTOPHER BUTLER IN OPPOSITION TO SUBMISSIONS ON THE PROPOSED KAPITI COAST DISTRICT PLAN 2012**

**Great Wellington Regional Council (#441)**

**PO Box 11646 Wellington 6142 (Attn. Caroline Ammundsen)**

**Details**

The Council submission fails to strike a practical balance between environmental concerns and the reality and value of long term human occupation of coastal areas. Does the Council intend to advocate similar “back to nature” measures in Wellington City and other populated parts of the regional coastline?

**Oppose**

**Department of Conservation (#202)**

**Hamilton Office P O Box 3072 Hamilton 3240**

**Details**

It is notable that DOC’s Waikato regional office has invested great effort in submitting on issues in another part of the country. Is its submission endorsed by DOC’s Wellington/Kapiti office or at HO level? The submission does not acknowledge the expert view of another Crown entity (NIWA) that good practice in estimating coastline changes needs “a range of tools, models and methods” rather than just one report such as the CSL study. The submission also advocates prescriptive measures to address perceived concerns with no mention of community consultation, little acknowledgement of the balance between environmental objectives and the realities of long term human occupation, and no attempt at assessing the likely costs involved .

**Oppose**

**Nga Hapu O Otaki (#232)**

**24 Dunstan Street, Otaki 5512**

**Details**

The Hapu’s submission is inconsistent insofar as it supports managed retreat from the coast but opposes the inevitable consequence of landward migration of sand dunes into wetland areas.

**Oppose**