Dear Member,

There are several issues that I would like to bring to your attention in this update.

**AGM**

Our AGM for 2021 will be held on 13 November at the Senior’s Hall @ 45 Ocean Road from 13:00 – 15:00.

Our keynote speaker is the former NZ Prime Minister Rt. Hon James Bolger ONZ PC, who has been appointed as Chair of the Coastal Adaptation Panel (CAP) – KCDC led adaptation project.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, you **must register** online at [www.cru.org.nz](http://www.cru.org.nz) to be able to attend. Numbers are limited so please register ASAP.

**Jacobs’ Report- Response to CRU**

On 13 October, CRU received Jacobs’ response to our Technical Review of Volume 1. This is attached for those that are interested to this update.

What I would like to bring to your attention is Jacobs’ statement on page 1, “*It is further noted that the primary purpose of the Jacobs work is to assess the nature and extent of coastal hazards facing the Kapiti Coast District currently and in the future with sea lever rise for use in guiding community adaptation planning. Any use of the assessment results in a District planning context is the responsibility of Council…”*

CRU interprets this as meaning that the Jacobs reports are not intended for the purposes of the district plan and if the Council wants to use it for that purpose, then that is up to Council. The approach that they have used is contrary to the NZCPS which is a requirement for district planning. Furthermore, the approach that they are taking could very well capture more homes than the Shand Report of 2012.

**26 October 2021**

Councillors are to receive a briefing on Jacobs Volume 2.

Currently, we have no information on what this report will reveal in terms of coastal hazard lines. Over the last 3 months, I have made several requests to Council to discuss Volume 1 – all which have been rejected. To date, we have been unable to discuss Volume 1 and our concerns regarding the methodology.

We have attempted to engage with our Councillors with a mixed response. The one key theme that has been identified in all our discussions is that Council staff are leading the process with very little input if any from our elected officials.

It is also unclear what information will go on the LIMs of the affected homes.

**28 October 2021**

Jacobs’ Volume 2 will be officially accepted by the Council at a full Council meeting on the 28th of October.

Again, we are unclear what this means for affected homeowners because Council continues to refuse to meet with us.

What I would like to suggest is that as many members as possible contact the Council and register to speak at the meeting. Because of Covid 19 restrictions, members of the public can only attend viz ZOOM. You can appear either by video or telephone at the meeting. You have 3 minutes to speak

KCDC contact: [Democracy.Services@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:Democracy.Services@kapiticoast.govt.nz) or at 04 296 4700

We need for the Council to understand your concerns as affected homeowners and the fact that we are being left out of the process by Council staff.

In this instance numbers matter!!! I can’t stress that enough.

In addition, please contact your ward Councillor or District Wide Councillor to get a first-hand understanding of what are the implications of the Jacobs Volume 2 report on YOUR LIM.

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/your-council/elected-members/councillors/>

**Social Media**

CRU have two social media accounts, our Facebook page and Instagram.

Our Instagram page that is managed by our member Andrew Fletcher. He is starting a regular photographic journal of the coast. I urge you all to please join in and support this effort. Also, if you have photographs that you would like to share, please send them to Andrew.

Please follow us on our Facebook!

Many thanks,

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