Dear Raumati Community Board members, Karl, and Councillors Kofoed, Spiers and Handford,

First I would like to thank all of you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to sit down and allow us to talk you through the complexities of Coastal Hazards and our concerns regarding the statutory obligation of the Council.

As discussed, here is the recap of our discussion.

***Background – Ref:2020/C340***

* in mid-2020 - Council put out a tender for a Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment
* Jacobs responded in July 2020 by submitting a document in line with the tender (attached for your records).  Under the section Methodology, Jacobs acknowledges the **New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (NZCPS) - a statutory requirement for coastal hazards and district planning**
* in October 2020, Council issued a contract for services (Ref:2020/c340) to Jacobs New Zealand Ltd. **Deliverable 1** of the contract states on Pages 4 -5, "A Coastal Hazard and Risk Assessment Report...coastal Plan Change to the Kapiti Coast District Plan" ( attached for your records)

***What Happened to Deliverable 1?***

* in 2021/22 Jacobs produced Volumes 1 and 2 - Coastal Hazards Susceptibility and Vulnerability Assessment as opposed to a Coastal Hazard and Risk Assessment

*when Council was queried on why the change from a Hazard and Risk Assessment to a Susceptible and Vulnerability Assessment - through the involvement with the Office of the Ombudsman, Council acknowledged that neither Council nor Jacobs hold any documents regarding the change to deliverable 1*

*It is our understanding that Jacobs has been paid approximately $250 000 for both volumes*

* **Jacobs Volume 1:  does not give effect to the NZCPS policy 24:**

In describing their Scope of Works, **Jacobs explained that Volume 1 is not a risk assessment** (page 8, paragraph 1)

Jacobs does not differentiate between risk assessment (NZCPS Policy 24) and risk management (NZCPS Policy 25 &27)

* **Jacobs Volume 2:  is based on the methodology outlined in Volume 1 - the assessment does not give effect to NZCPS and their reliance on it will not be suitable for making recommendations in relation to the District Plan**
* **To date, Jacobs have not produced an assessment in line with deliverable 1 of their contract 2020/C340**

***The Science***

* more importantly, Jacobs Volume 1 and 2 need to be updated to reflect the most recent IPCC AR6 (2021) information that states that RCP 8.5 (used by Jacobs) is "implausible" (unlikely)
* Jacobs's use of RCP8.5H+ is not recognised internationally and any local guidance regarding RCP8.5H+ has now been rejected in this application by MfE (2021)

***Takutai Kapiti – Coastal Advisory Panel***

* on 21 March 2022 - Takutai Kapiti – Coastal Advisory Panel produced its terms of reference - Purpose 2 states**. "...guide the development of the District Plan provision to manage coastal issues” [using Jacobs reports]**

**Where to from here *with reference to the Coastal Advisory Panel***

As we discussed at our meeting last week (18 January 2023), we propose 3 options:

1.    Council put Coastal Advisory Panel to sort out the issues with Jacobs' reports in particular reference to the NZCPS 2010

2.    Council withdraw purpose 2 of the Terms of Reference and subsequent references- thereby allowing the Takutai Kapiti Coastal Adaptation Project to continue with its adaptation plan and allow CRU to deal directly with the Council in undertaking a Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment and bring a resolution to the matter (which has now been going on for over a decade).

3.    Do nothing

I know from our discussion that elected members felt the best way forward would be option 2 - as Chair of CRU, this would be a positive and constructive way forward - thereby giving some relief to our members and allowing CRU to finally come to an end.

***Thank You!***

I would like to thank Councillor Kofoed for agreeing to take this matter forward on our behalf - if there is any assistance that we can give in progressing option 2, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you again to everyone for their time and for keeping an open mind.  I would like to especially thank Karl, for all his help in organising this very productive meeting

For your records, I have attached the information package which we prepared for a round table with Councillors last February.  In this package, you will find details of CRU's submission, emails to Councillors and a slide presentation outlining our technical and legal concerns.

Regards,

Salima Padamsey

CRU Chair