

# CRU Coastal Ratepayers United

Dear Resident

- Your property is considered coastal environment and as such, KCDC is now looking at placing coastal hazard lines on it.
- This means that you are at risk of having Council, through managed retreat, cut off water and sewerage from your property.
- Coastal Ratepayers United says that addressing coastal hazards is long overdue – and this time the solution needs to be based on **good science, good planning and good law**.
- Council's previous attempt to impose coastal hazard lines in their proposed district plan cost ratepayers millions of dollars and were declared not fit for purpose.
- At that time, Council imposed incorrect information on the LIMs of 1800 properties. It also attempted to stop these private property owners from carrying out future repairs and maintenance.
- These issues are back again.
- What can you do? Join CRU – it's free.

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GOOD PLANNING  
GOOD LAW**

**IF THEY GET IT WRONG AGAIN,  
WE ALL LOSE**

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In 2012, KCDC placed 50 and 100-year coastal hazard lines on the LIMs of 1800 properties, based on the “Shand” report it had commissioned. Council also introduced a “managed retreat” policy which means affected private property owners would have to relocate at Council’s discretion. Council also planned to withdraw all their services to affected properties. This all happened without any consultation.

A panel of international scientists from around the world looked at KCDC’s coastal hazard lines and found that the science was “not fit for planning purposes”.

Council was forced to remove all coastal environment provisions from their proposed district plan.

Even the current Mayor found the process lacking.

The then – Councillor Gurunathan wrote in the Kapiti News: ***We have blown buckets of ratepayer money, alienated good people and caused the suffering of many. We have shown the rest of New Zealand how coastal management should NOT be done.***

(26 March 2014).

CRU acknowledges that coastal hazard areas need to be identified but they need to be based on good science, good planning and good law.

CRU has made submissions to the Ministry for the Environment and the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment to fix errors in related national guidance documents.

Addressing coastal hazards and other related issues is overdue.

**Affected private property owners must be involved in finding the workable solutions.**

**Join CRU now to ensure new coastal hazard provisions will reflect the best available science and a proper interpretation of the law.**

**2012 was a disaster. Don’t let it happen again. This process must involve all affected private property owners.**

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