

Name

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I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

No, I could not gain an advantage.

I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter on the submission that – (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

Yes, I am directly affected.

The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

PG 5 Definitions

High Flood Hazard Area

High Flood Hazard Areas are subject to inundation events where the water depth (metres) x velocity (metres per second) is greater than or equal to 1 or where depths are greater than 1 metre, in a 0.2% annual exceedance probability flood event.

My submission is:

I oppose the High Flood Hazard Area being defined by a 500yr flood event. I wish to have the High Flood Hazard Area amended to a 200yr flood event.

I think this approach will have a very negative impact on many small businesses along Beach Road. These are businesses that contribute to the economy and the social networks of Kaikōura. It will also discourage any new businesses and community members from setting up or investing in Kaikōura. If I cannot afford or cannot get insurance for my business premises I may need to close the business and move elsewhere.

By defining the High Flood Hazard Area as a 200yr event you still ensure that the community and infrastructure are protected from a disaster (recognising that there is a 0.5% chance that this would occur in a year) but you also support local businesses (who are still operating after the earthquakes and COVID-19).

Defining the High Flood Hazard Area as a 200yr event would show the Council has confidence in the district and encourage investment, development and growth. This would benefit everyone.

I seek the following decision from the local authority:

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High Flood Hazard Area

Change the definition to a 200yr flood.

High Flood Hazard Areas are subject to inundation events where the water depth (metres) x velocity (metres per second) is greater than or equal to 1 or where depths are greater than 1 metre, in a 0.5% annual exceedance probability flood event.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

No

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Yes