

Coastal Hazard Management in the Bay of Plenty

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1065 properties in areas at risk in next 100 years





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Pressure

- **§** Property values doubled or trebled in last 3 years
- **§** Property market not responding to risk, tagged titles or district rules



Auction to be held at Spinnakers Restaurant by the Harbour Bridge, Thursday 4th November 2004 at 4.00pm

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Regional Coastal Environment Plan

- Coastal "Environment" Plan (S64(2) RMA) spans MHWS
- Coastal Hazards policy chapter no rules
- Maps define conservative Areas Sensitive to Coastal Hazards "ASCH" for entire region (2845 properties)
- Based on best information available in 1990's
- "No increase in risk" objective of plan

Initially

- Coastal hazards to be considered within ASCH when district consents required
- Plan provides technical framework for hazards assessment

RCEP and District Planning

• Encourages Districts to carry out refined research for Actual Hazard Zones and to appropriately control land use



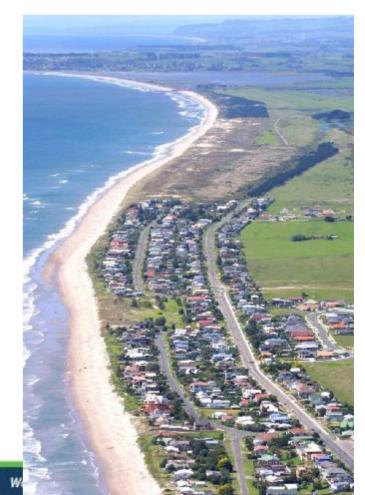
Primary and Secondary Risk Areas at Pukehina Beach.

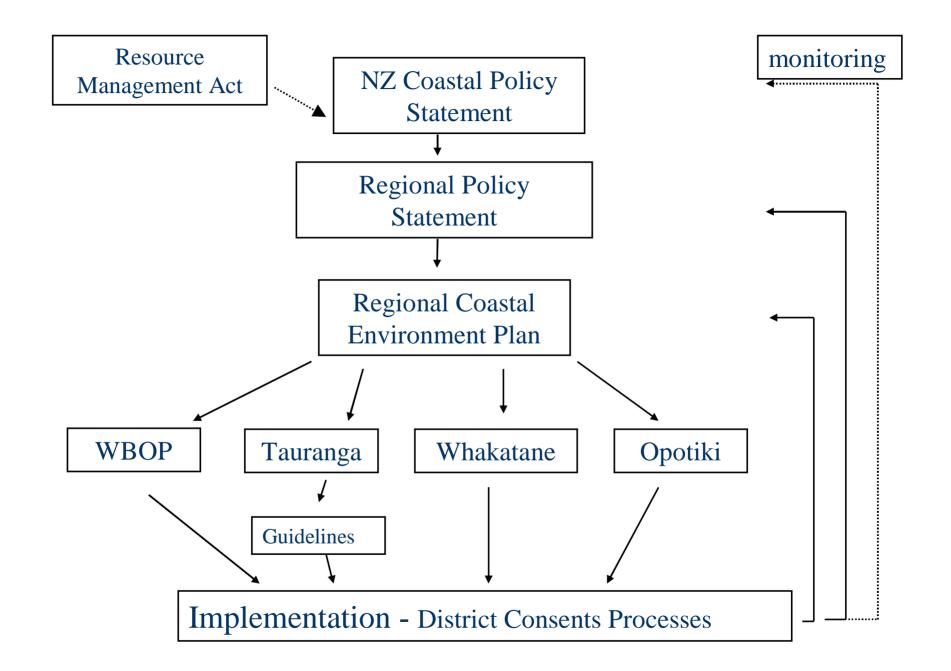
- Actual zones likely to be smaller than ASCH incentive
- Hazard zones in District Plan replace ASCH

Methodology

- § Erosion impacts of sea level rise and shoreline response
- § 100 year planning horizon
- § Long term trend
- § Short term fluctuation
- **§** Dune stability factor (angle of repose)
- § Factor of safety







Issues



- Lack of integration between science and planning (policy and rules were an "add on")
- Regional inconsistencies with factor of safety
- Belief of no risk, despite available information
- Zones:
 - "right lining" (broad zones, discretionary rules) gives flexibility, case by case consideration, inefficient and uncertain
 - precise zoning (multi zone, tight rules) little flexibility but certainty

Devil is in the Detail

- District Plan provisions so IMPORTANT:
 - underlying zone rules,
 - permitted baseline,
 - minor dwellings,
 - multiple owners,
 - Subdivision v two houses on one property
 - Two small houses v one big house
 - Status of subdivision where there are multiple zones and rules crossing one lot

Issues Cont

- Legal obligations To what extent are Councils required to protect people from themselves
- Building Act (S71-74) v prudent planning for future generations
- What does "no increase in risk" actually mean



- » Adequacy of management
- » Beach changes
- » Indicators of change

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18 September 2005High spring tide (2.1 m predicted)Low Barometric pressure (977)Max wave height 7.8 m