

Hi Penne

Sorry for the lateness of my response I have been trying to find out as much as I can about the issues some I am well aware of others not so much.

So here goes,

Questions 1,3,4

It is every ratepayers right I believe to have a high standard of drinking water equal to the national health standard and also a sound method of wastewater management as not to pollute or endanger the environment or people's health,

I would propose no further development in Hahei until some infrastructure is put in place to cater for existing and or for further growth some of our communities just do not have the capacity to cater for growth as rating demands would become too high.

I would if I became Mayor sit down with the community and community board and have a robust discussion the answer may not suit everyone as they rarely do.

Question 2 Three waters if this monster was ever to get lose the coromandel because of our low residential population would not fear well in a 22 district Unitarian authority we would get one lone voice and about a 1/3 of a vote we must look at all options for wastewater, storm water and drinking water but we should be doing that now it is not a good look to be deferring basic living requirements.

I live in Te Mata we have nothing outside the major communities there is little support and years of poor planning as well as geographical difficulties.

I am a charter operator marine reserves work but we are now seeing imbalances in the eco system caused by fish stocks becoming dominant and creating a bend in the food chain local Council has very little control over anything below the high tide mark, but I am more concerned at WRC draft coastal plan.

Question 6 Wow the biggie in the room your other questions pale to this one I was on the Thames SMP and may I say somewhat of a non-believer But wow what an eye opener and again you are not alone in Hahei there are a number of towns and communities that are facing sea level rise and yes they will become uninsurable and in some areas retreat may be the only option others can be defended but with huge costs there are sale and lease back options and we have pathways that were developed within the SMP groups for each area and I hear that the council has signed off on the document today.

But like anything with nature the rate of rise and inundation will vary it will be how often does it happen and for how long and how it effects the communities that is the driver, Who pays there are three options central government, regional council, Local council or part thereof of all three in some areas regional councils and local councils are already arguing it out in the high court so we will wait to see the outcome personally I would advocate a three way agreement but going back to question 4 we must stop building and developing in areas that we know will become susceptible to inundation and erosion.

Thank you for the opportunity to answer these questions I hope I shed some light I have also attached a copy of my recent speech if you have room to add it in,

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