

D G Baker presentation to Commission on Te Awatarariki Debris fan hearing 4 March '20

Hearings Chairman and Commissioners, fellow presenters and public.

Allotted time seems relative to volume not content. The only change to my earlier submissions is the inclusion of further evolving events supportive to my presentation and further photos of 'slash' deposits, penalty and excessive events of nature.

My primary points are simple: in essence uncomplicated by age, self interest or other natural hormones:

1. Natural weather events occur, beyond the control of man and beyond the power of man. This and previous events along this escarpment, Motu, Wainui Te Whara, Tolaga Bay, etc. occur unpredicted and randomly. Man's improved info. systems revises the 1 in 100 year events to whatever statistic, but they occur and will continue.
2. Authorities attempts, whilst fair in intentions, are terribly inconsistent to these stated objections. This current treatment of a local area by a local authority c.f. Edgecumbe, Wainui Te Whara and worst of all Matata. A combined effort of 3 levels of authority to set a subversive national precedent.
3. Our society in its evolution, is struggling with, but at the least starting to recognise the individual duress our every day activities apply to our citizens. And the resultant drop out rate both productively and life/health wise is an increasing burden on our social structure. This late effort, started 10 years after the event, to meet some obscure economic or political pressure, is nothing short of 'legitimised bullying'. 1 affected person died of cancer 4 days ago, another early resident 'had' to pass over his tenure reluctantly but possibly passed early from stress induced factors. Why, because through the RMA unrelated parties are 'imposing' themselves on vulnerable citizens.

My Sought remedies:

1. Annul any efforts by WDC and BoPRC to pass such regulatory change.
2. Insist that Central Government should attend to this forestry problem as of National, economic and social importance, as is occurring in the agricultural/dairy sector.
3. Change should be gradual general and not targeted on a localised basis unless beneficial circumstances exist.
4. Regulators should be advisory and not dictatorial so as to affect recent customary comforts and rights of individual citizens as necessary change to society may be necessary.
5. Create a floodway to the lagoon as the odds of a repeat of boulder debris should now be removed with the scouring of past slash. Create a living partnership of community and governance (A- Political).
6. Ratepayer Finance expended should be reimbursed and potential savings and energies redirected into provision of a function site effluent treatment for the township of Matata and other regional communities similarly disadvantaged.

I thank the 'authorities' for this opportunity to share an opinion for the improvement of our society and nation. I pray that you may hear the small quiet voice of wisdom within, rather than the voice of he who pays the ferryman. That is true leadership.

Attachments;

5 Aerial photos ex The Beacon

2 Current forestry post harvest scenes

1 newspaper excerpts

Author's Work History:

1966-69 Roding Civil engineering Cadetship, Napier Ministry of Works

70-73 Engineering Assistant Ministry of Works, Wairoa, Nadi Airport

74-80 Contract Engineer Roding/Asphalt Co. Wellington

80-81 Project Manager Highway, Papua New Guinea

82-Present In Bay of Plenty, 1 year with Waiotahi Contractors

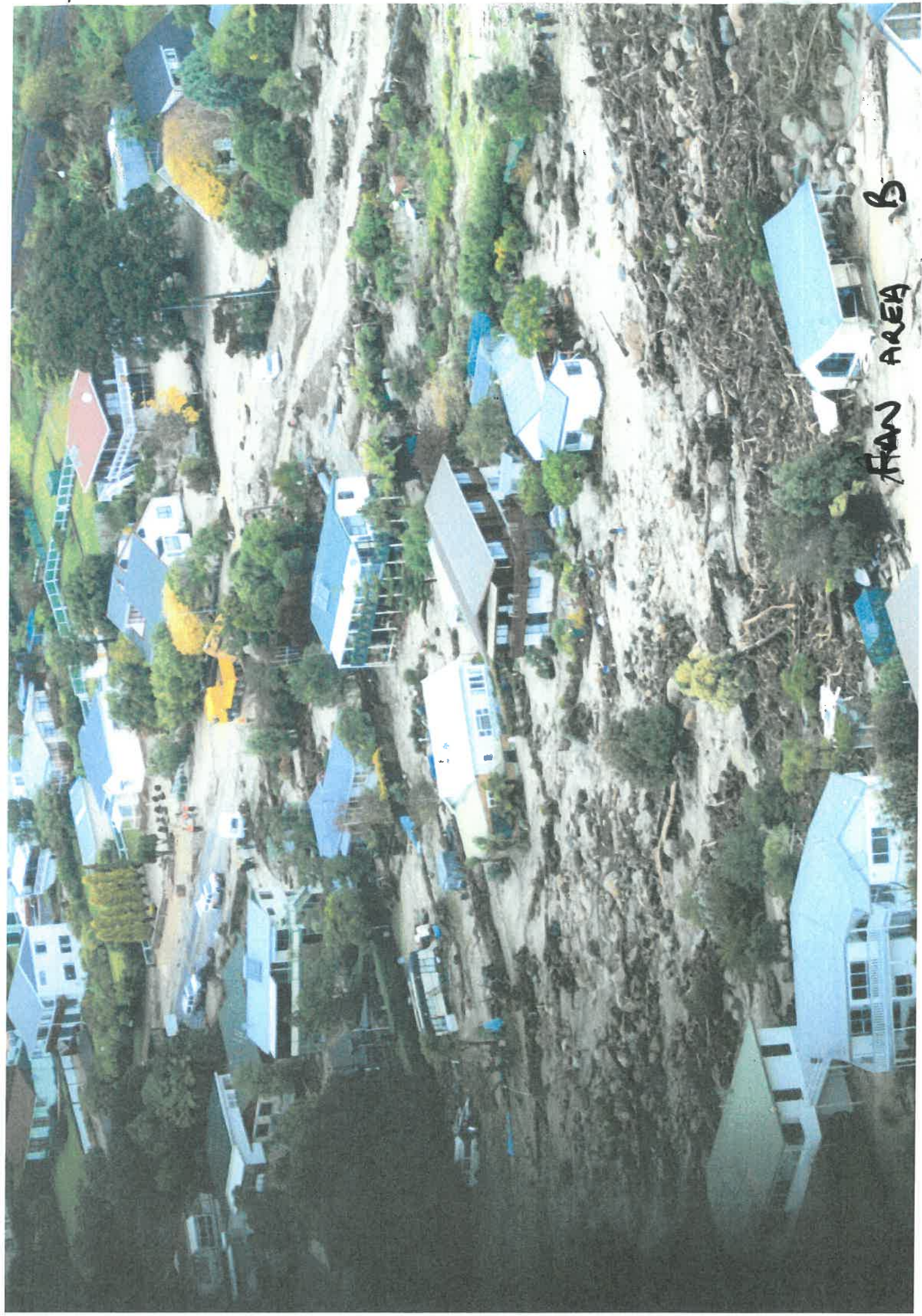
7 years Civil Eng. Mgr Whakatane Board Mills including through Edgecumbe Earthquake.

26+ years building and running own Roding/General Contracting.

2 years retired.

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FAN AREA B

WEST of FAN C





Manawake Rd D.

Slack Galatea Rd. 12/19

F.



Flash Galatea Rd 12/19.

G.



Tologa Bay
June '18

\$152k debris fine

A Gisborne forestry company has been fined \$152,000 for contributing logging debris that caused millions of dollars of damage in two heavy rainfall events. Juken New Zealand was one of 10 companies prosecuted by Gisborne District Council after tonnes of debris — known as slash — washed on to farms, roads and waterways in June last year. In his sentencing notes, Judge Brian Dwyer said the council's failure to monitor Juken was reprehensible and irresponsible. Eight companies will go to trial next year.

NZ Herald
Mon, Dec 16, 2019

Motu / Omaio
/ Hawaii

Feb '04.

JARRETT Brandon

SHAW Greg

— 29.02.2004.

16 years boys.

You are both not far from our thoughts often in our talks and always in our hearts. We often stop at Omaio Bay, what a special spot to rest away.

Keep riding the waves boys, love to Ali and Rob too. "Wish you were here." The Jarrett Family.

JARRETT Brandon
— 29.02.04.

16 years this leap day since you left us. We cherish your memories, photos and videos. Give Ali a big hug from us. We miss you both endlessly. Love always Leishah, Lanae and Shem.

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