

Date: Thursday 20 June 2024
Time: 9:30 am
Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber
Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Tasman District Council

Kaunihera Katoa

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Glenys Glover

I wish to speak to the Consent Application for a Rock Revetment at Pakawau Beach relating to three properties 1132/1134/1136 put to Council for consideration on 28 March 2024

My name is Glenys Glover and together with my sister I am the joint owner of the house and property at 1136 Collingwood-Puoponga Main Road, Pakawau Beach

I have visited and stayed at Pakawau Beach since my childhood and my sister, and I have owned the subject house and property for 30 years

It is commonly accepted that with climate change and consequential rising ocean levels that Pakawau Beach is, and has been, subject to considerable erosion.

An enormous storm in 2014 resulted in a number of resource consents being granted for the building of rock walls along the beach from the Pakawau Motor camp to the edge of our property. Such that over 90% of the properties where a council esplanade has existed have been armoured.

The three subject properties are the next properties at the end of the current revetment. Past the subject properties, the distance between the houses and existing beach widens, the houses have a higher elevation and erosion may be less of an issue.

We have seen the esplanade in front of our property lose at least 10 metres due to erosion. There are now approximately 5 metres of esplanade left.

Over the last ten years we have, either directly or through the Pakawau Residents Association, dealt with numerous council officers about the beach erosion. There have been extensive plantings of native grasses to mitigate the beach erosion. These have not worked. A rock revetment is the last option.

Through the Pakawau Residents Association it had been arranged for Solly's to build the rock revetment across the three subject properties before winter weather and tides created more erosion of the remaining esplanade. All applicants had agreed to fund their share of the costs. This is now on hold.

The construction design and build used by Solly's in the earlier builds has proven reliable. This has been backed up in an OCEL report commissioned in 2019 which stated, "this isn't Punakaiki on the West coast", "in the absence of definitive theory, the performance of the existing imperfect seawall provides the perfect guide. The effects have been minimal taking into account the close to 40 year life of the existing campground seawall.

All the owners along the beach from Totra Ave to 1130 Collingwood- Puponga Main Highway have agreed to build their revetments at their own cost, and to maintain that revetment, at no future cost to TDC.

At the last meeting on the latest application, Council officers proposed delaying the decision along with creating 2 new policies, “Coastal Erosion Protection Structures on Council Reserve Land Policy and, make regional the “Coastal Protection Policy.” It appears Council intends to apply these new policies to the subject properties.

New conditions on the consent being considered include; payment of a bond to secure the actual construction and ongoing future maintenance of the revetment, and public liability insurance to insure some undefined future event that might be incurred by the applicants in respect of the revetment.

We have substantial concerns about these new conditions and Policies

1, The same conditions have not been imposed on any Pakawau Beach rock revetment in the past. The Fundamental Principle of Natural Justice should say that we can complete the revetment on the same terms and conditions as all existing revetments on the beach front.

2. The real risk is that the application is delayed further, there is more erosion, the balance of the esplanade is destroyed, and sea flows through our property onto the Main Highway. TDC will then have a problem, and we will be discussing with them why they sought to delay so long, when they had the authority to prevent such an event. The win/win solution was to let us proceed with the protection of the subject property.

3. There is a very big question around how long will this process take. TDC in the past has been regarded as being pragmatic, an efficient operator, and able to compromise to achieve long-term goals.

My suggestion would be to apply the new policy to “Greenfield Coastline” in the first instance because ratepayers who have buildings on coastal properties predating 1977 expect to be able to protect them, and will do it at their own cost providing they can manage those costs to some degree within a reasonable timeframe.

4. Will the subject property have to go through the whole process again at enormous cost?

My request is that Council consider the consent be granted on the same terms and conditions as all other earlier consents were granted. That the consent be granted forthwith so that the subject properties can complete construction during this winter.

Thank you for giving me your time today, Glenys Glover

Empowering Energy Sharing Integration

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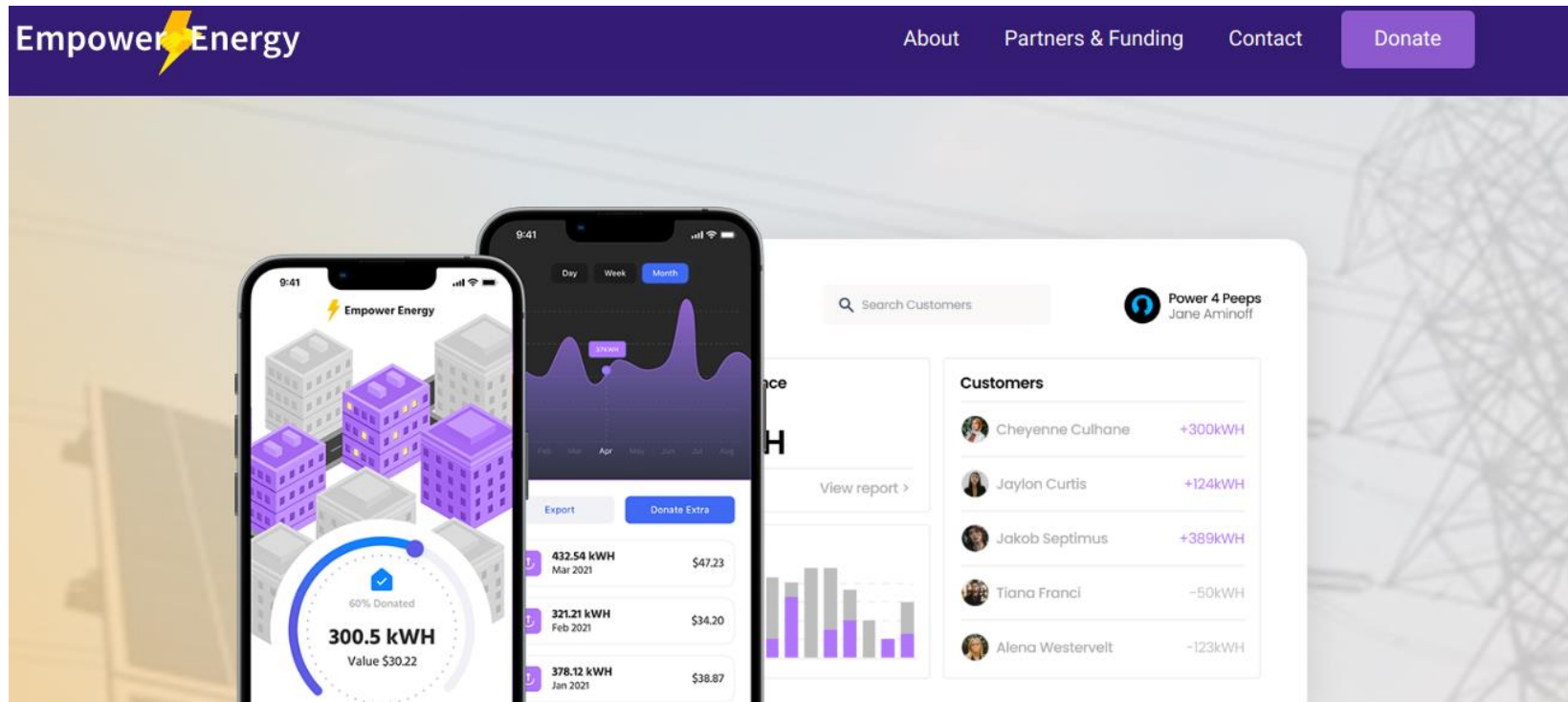
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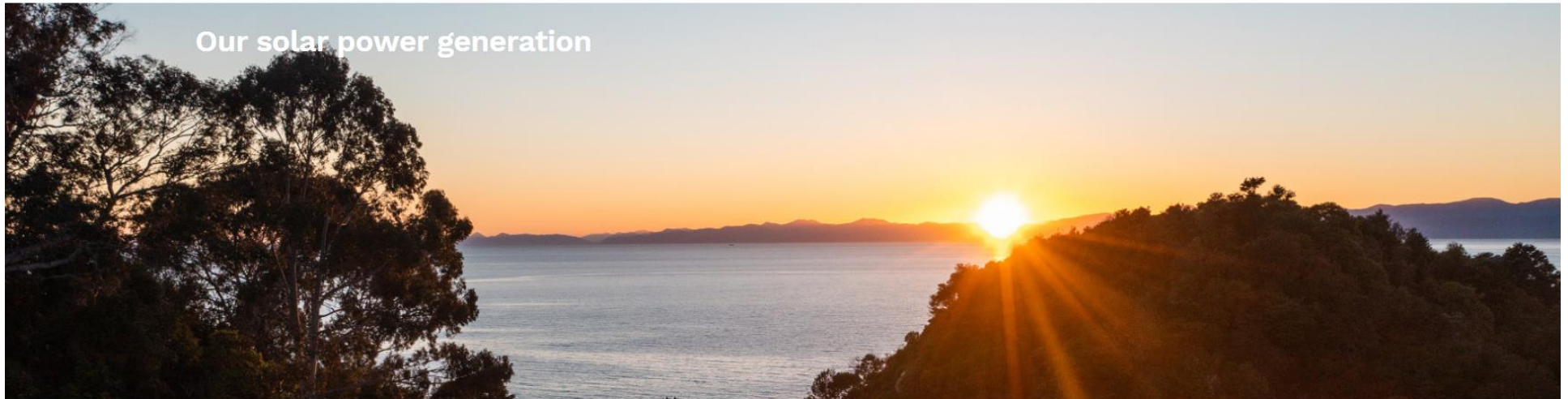
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