The geographic issue relates to a coastal high rise development.

VIEWPOINTS:

**TG is strongly against the plans for high-rise development in Charters Beach. Her views are influenced by the serious impacts that it will have on the environment.** Any major development will disturb the sand dunes, which shelter the water-front suburb “the dunes have an important function of protecting the settlement from tsunami and also stopping the wind borne sand from blowing onto properties along Marine Parade” … Another change caused by large scale development will be more people walking through the dunes upsetting this habitat… TG says that “high rise development could further endanger many species like the katipo spider which relies on this sand dune habitat for survival”…

High rise development close to the beach will not only change the habitat for plants and insects but it will change the environment for local residents who could get lots more sand blowing into their garden.

RECOMMENDATION:

The first option, which is to build a high-rise development along the waterfront, **has much stronger economic benefits than the other options so I think it is best for the future. Leaving Marine Parade as it is now is really just avoiding making a decision about the future development of the village.** The high-rise development will create an increase in population and this will lead to a demand for more shops and services…With more businesses there will be more job opportunities. There is a small Four Square Superette on Marine Parade but most people travel 15 km to the bigger supermarket, this shop could become a proper supermarket including a deli and butcher which would be a good for locals as they wouldn’t have to travel to do their food shopping… As the shopping centre and population expands more businesses would be attracted e.g. another café…