

Resident, Arnhem, Holland

"There have been big changes in Holland recently. For a thousand years, we have been reclaiming land from the sea. Now we hear the Dutch government plans to do just the opposite. As sea levels rise, our coastal flood barriers that stretch for miles up the coast are just not going to last. What's more, the risk of water breaking over the dykes could be more disastrous than if they weren't there.

The new government plan is to give water back to the land in some places. As a safety valve, some areas will be allowed to flood if the tides and sea levels rise. This won't affect me as I live on a houseboat. It's attached to a pole that automatically rises when the water levels rise."