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"I must say, it might have been the wind, but I might have squeezed out a wee tear or two," Major told TV3 on Monday.

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Awaroa inlet is an 800-metre (2,600-foot) stretch of golden sand at the top of South Island.

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Accessible only by boat or helicopter, it came on the market late last year, with real estate agents marketing it as "the best beach on the planet".

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Major decided after discussions with relatives over the Christmas period to set up the crowdfunding page.

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"We just gave it a shot," he said.

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"We didn't know how it would pan out and the magical experience it's been, it was kind of surreal."

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It was the largest crowdfunding effort ever facilitated by website "Givealittle", with donations ranging from children pledging a dollar to corporations giving tens of thousands.

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The government chipped in NZ\$350,000 and associate conservation minister Nicky Wagner said future generations of New Zealanders would now enjoy it.

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"It's a victory for positive people power and for preserving our environment," she said.

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"All those who contributed have given a wonderful gift to our nation."

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