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Subject: RE: WES Hearing

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From: Brigitte hegner freeman <brigi_hegner@yahoo.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 July 2019 10:41 PM
To: Dennis Green <dennis-green1@outlook.com>
Subject: WES Hearing

My name is Brigitte Hegner Freeman.
I have lived at Oakura for about 40 years.

This submission is read on my behalf by Dennis Green.

I am opposing the Plan change 48 (both the original 400 section and the 160 section options).

MANY reasons underpin my thinking.

Two important ones relate to social and environmental aspects of the community as it has developed and is today.

ONE REASON is the safe and family friendly community we have now where children can grow into responsible and confident young people.

My now adult children went to Playcentre and Oakura School before eventually moving onto Spotswood College. Growing up they enjoyed a good level of trust and independence in their community.

For me it is clear that this was possible because families got to know each other, interacted and looked out for each other and created a safe atmosphere in the village, at sports, at the beach.

As pupils at Oakura school until the end of Intermediate level they also had opportunities to begin taking on responsibilities and become mentors for younger children.

I fear that vastly increasing resident numbers will jeopardize the safe village feel, will put pressure on the school roll and, who knows, possibly mean the end of the Intermediate level to create more space for a larger primary roll.

I also fear that high traffic volumes will be a safety risk for children moving about between home, school and leisure activities.

ANOTHER REASON I oppose a plan change is that there is still land available on the seaside of SH45 where future urban development can take place at a more moderate rate perhaps, without encroaching on lands adjacent to the National Park and without destroying currently rural land.

I particularly object to Mr McKie further developing land that he stated (at the time he proposed the Paddocks subdivision) '...would be able to be retained as a productive farming unit' and would serve 'to enhance corridors for native species linking from the National Park to the sea.

(see The Paddocks subdivision, NPDCDOCS, page 23, 2010)

I feel it is not honorable to break one's promises and even less so within such a short time span.
Therefore I now question any statements or promises made in the current proposal.

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From: John Freeman <johnfreeman447@yahoo.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:25 PM
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Subject: Submission

My name is John Freeman. I have been a resident of Oakura for 40 years.
I oppose plan change 48 (not only 400 but also 160 sections) for many reasons.
I would like to highlight just 3.

Firstly
The reason residents come to live in Oakura , is the beauty of the proximity of the Kaitake Ranges to the sea. These rural views to the National Park must be preserved. When the Paddocks subdivision was approved the applicant wisely stated the balance would remain in farm land.

Secondly
I spend many hours as a volunteer with the Kaitake Conservation group doing pest control in the Kaitake Ranges. The thought of high density housing so close to a National Park is horrific. Even if cats & dogs are prohibited in the subdivision, who will police that in the long term ?

Thirdly
Future residential development should be on the seaward side of state highway 45 , (as in the present district plan) , where residents are within walking distance of the beach.
On the inland side of the highway it is to far to walk to the beach, (eg families with small children), therefore they will drive there. At the moment parking in summer is full up.
Many New Plymouth people visit the beach in summer. If this badly planed subdivision goes ahead , they will have to prepare for a long walk.

Finally - Future subdivision should be on the seaward side of the main highway. Stay with the present district plan.
Thank you.

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