

Hello, my name is Jaynie McSweeney. I am so far out of my comfort zone right now, but I have made myself get up and speak in front of everyone as I truly oppose such a large subdivision and the outcomes it brings with it.

I moved to Oakura 13 years ago this October from Auckland, a very big change in lifestyle. Since then I have had 3 children all of who have attended Oakura School. My children are incredibly lucky to grown up in Oakura in a safe, trusting community enjoying an outdoor lifestyle. Oakura will lose this easy lifestyle if the subdivision goes ahead.

When we originally moved from Auckland to Taranaki we had the option of a rental living in New Plymouth or a rental living in Oakura. We choose Oakura because we wanted the small village, the small community. It is not fair that a developer can take this away from us.

I am not opposed to growth, but I am opposed to growth not on this scale. Our village will be lost to a town. I might as well move back to Auckland.

I love it when I can go for a run, a walk to the shop and sing out hello to elderly lady walking her dog, the kid riding their bike, the lady at the chemist. They say hello back, ask how was your day. I love it that my kids can walk down the road, go to the beach, the skatepark and they are there with friends of all ages. It is safe. Everyone is familiar with everyone, it's a great feeling. By increasing the population so significantly this won't be a safe option any longer for my kids.

Our family and friends visit us in Oakura and always comment on what a lovely place we live in, with such friendly people. Again this will be lost with such a massive population increase.

What will happen with the school? Our classes are full now. If the subdivision goes ahead we will need more classes which means the kids will lose their green space. Oakura kids thrive on being outside. Take a look at lunchtime and intervals at the school field, the field is full with kids running around playing. This is so good for them,

interacting with kids of all ages, getting out, being fit and healthy. This is what Oakura kids are about. Please don't take this away from them.

Have you seen Donnelly Street at 3pm? It is full of traffic. A dead-end street, when a car goes in they have no option but to turn around and come out the same way. What will the subdivision do to this? It will be mayhem every day, we try to encourage kids to walk to school. Will it be safe for them with to do this? No. Traffic already is a disaster.

Obviously increased population means more traffic, every new household will have minimum 2 cars. The development is not in walking distance to the beach, shops and school, everyone will drive. Where will these cars park? Have you seen the traffic and people congestion around the surf club? We are very lucky there has not yet been a bad accident with people hurt.

All traffic will drive through Oakura to go to New Plymouth. There is no option for a detour around Oakura other than around the mountain. Obviously, that is not an option. Already we have had accidents and near misses with vehicles and pedestrians. Trucks park in the middle of the road to unload goods. What is going to happen if we increase our traffic? It will be a disaster.

The Oakura community put together in conjunction with the NPDC a 30yr structure plan of how Oakura would develop. This subdivision goes against what was agreed on. How has it now got this stage? Such a massive amount of time and money has been spent, never to be recovered on something that should never have got this far.

I think it is ridiculous that a single person who does not live in Oakura, has been allowed to take this so far when over 450 people who actually live in Oakura oppose the subdivision.

Please listen to us, the people of Oakura and do not allow this to go ahead.