

Chris Evans

Verbal Submission

Read by Kate Evans

My wife and I came to life in this beautiful area 20 years ago.

I personally was attracted to the amazing waves and incredible opportunities for anyone interested in water sports. I am a surfer, windsurfer and more recently a kite surfer.

When we left the UK I mainly windsurfed. The sea where we lived, the English Channel was filthy. I regularly had ear infections, upset stomachs and on more than one occasion I would surface to find a used sanitary product floating past my face.

I came here to get away from that and to enjoy a clean and relative empty sea environment

It has been an absolute joy and pleasure to spend all this time soaking up this wonderful life. I have however noticed that that beaches are getting more and more rubbish on them and the waves particularly at Oakura beach are starting to get more crowded.

Im not a selfish man, I don't expect to keep it for myself. But this subdivision does not seem to have an adequate understanding of the impact on the water in our environment. My understanding is that the submitters have not done adequate studies on the impact of the water beneath the land. And Im here to tell you that an increase in population will increase the impact on our water quality in the rivers and sea. I am not an expert, but a user of this environment and it stands to reason that more people will have more impact.

A further point I would like to make is that we live on Donnelly St and the impact on our no exit road if this subdivision goes ahead will be substantial. It is already hard to get through the traffic at busy school times. There is literally nowhere else to park.

And it saddens me to think that if this school does have to build new classroom and take up the playing fields, then our children's only option for a run around is Corbett Park which will mean getting in a bus, or walking along a dangerous road which is set to be even more dangerous if a further 400 cars are using it.

In some ways I already feel defeated with this submission. It has the ring of big business over shadowing peoples life's. Big money being more important than people's lifestyles. The only thing I can do is raise my voice and urge you to listen to the ordinary people who don't want it here.