

Ki Ora tatau
Ko porangahau te maunga
Ko Maitai te awa
No Whakatu ahau
Ko whakatu takawaenga taku kura
Ko jerram toku whanau
Ko abbi toku ingoa

Tena kotoa
Tena kotoa
Tena kotoa
Katoa

Submission for Abbi Jerram S105
for July 15th time "slot"
3 — 5pm
Presented by Anne Kolless due
School Holidays

Ki ora, my name is abbi jerram. I am 11 years old and I go to Nelson intermediate school. I love outdoor activities and being in nature, and i care about looking after the environment and preserving it for future generations. I am speaking at this hearing because I love the Maitai valley, and I feel that the development of 550 houses would disturb the beautiful peace and quiet and nature that we all enjoy.

The maitai valley is such a special place, and just thinking about being there makes me smile. Me and my friends will often bike down to black hole for a quick swim or a float down the river. One of my favorite things to do with my dad is run to Dennis hole and back, and our family often goes for long, rambling walks around there. I never want to go, but once I'm out I don't want it to end! Residential builds here would lead to water pollution from stuff like washing your car, bike, skateboard, and spraying weeds. This would run into Kaka stream, which runs into dennis hole, one of my favorite places. Dennis hole would become gross and polluted and the ecology would be affected.

What I love about the maitai valley is its accessibility. It is such a good space for everyone to enjoy nature in, as spaces such as the grampians can be hard to access. Yes, the river runs throughout the whole city, but the maitai is so much more than a river. The friendliness, the tranquility, the birdsong and native trees, all give it such a wonderful atmosphere that I fear we would lose with the new subdivision.

If the subdivision went ahead, it would negatively affect so much more people than it would benefit. If every household had two cars, that would be 1,100 more cars zooming around nile street, polluting the atmosphere and creating lots of noise. Also, so many kids that walk to school would be in so much more danger of a road accident. The manuka street roundabout via which me and my friends get to school is already busy, and with another 1000 cars it would be very unsafe.

I'm asking for protection of the space to relax, walk, swim, play with my friends and listen to birdsong. I'm asking for the wellbeing of our community not to be disturbed for some housing. I'm asking for a safe walk to school, for me and all the other people who live here. And for those reasons, i'm asking for the subdivision not to go ahead. Thank you for your time.

Nga Mihi - Abbi
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