

Submission on Proposed Plan Change 28 - Maitahi Bayview

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Notes to accompany the presentation, in support of written submission

In my presentation to the RMA Commissioners, I have a number of goals.

I hope to give the Commissioners a sense of who I am, outlining my long connection with the Maitai Valley, the importance of the Maitai to myself, family and friends, my concerns around the lack of consultation that has been afforded Nelsonians on the matter, and the adverse effects that the proposed subdivision would have on the particular things that I, my family and our friends cherish about the Maitai Valley and it's surrounds.

I will spend some time painting for the Commissioners, a picture of my connection to the Maitai Valley, commencing with my Great Great Grandfather in 1862, and continuing down the generations of Sharlands to the present day, thereby illustrating why it is vital for the wellbeing of current and future Nelsonians, that the relationship my family has had with the Maitai should endure long into the future, including;

- + Land forms
- + Rural idyll
- + Sense of calm
- + Place of recreation
- + Swimming holes in particular

I will highlight the adverse effects Proposed Plan Change 28 would have on all Nelsonian's use of the Maitai, such an important taonga, now and into the future, including;

- Destruction of land forms
- Increased air pollution
- Noise pollution
- River and swimming hole pollution
- Adverse effects of massive increase in traffic, including road safety
- Detrimental impact of Urban Sprawl

Amongst other matters, my expectation is that the RMA should protect the environment and community from the adverse effects of PPC 28 and the proposed subdivision should be rejected. The Maitai River is of National Importance and under the RMA must be preserved - this includes the maintenance of public access to the river. Concerningly, PPC 28 shows the construction of housing in a flood zone. S7 of the RMA requires consideration of kaitiakitanga - there is an obligation to restore, enhance and preserve the Maitai River and it's surrounds for future generations - PPC 28 is contrary to these requirements. I have real concerns about PPC 28 on our social and cultural wellbeing and the health and safety of people and communities.

My fear is that insufficient weight will be given to the catastrophic effects on the environment and the wellbeing of people and our Nelson communities, that this proposed subdivision, if it were to go ahead, would cause.

The planning of greenfield developments such as PPC 28, in such a sensitive area, is outdated thinking, perpetuating the mistakes of the past, by creating yet another car reliant neighbourhood.

I do believe the rapid escalation of climate change will soon have more communities demanding good stewardship of the environment and the land, and a subdivision of this nature would not even be contemplated. We need to recognise this reality now, otherwise it will be too late for the Maitai.

If the proposed subdivision is not rejected and urban sprawl is permitted anywhere in the Maitai, then there is no going back - the Valley and the things that we so treasure will be lost forever. I will feel shame, shame that this happened under my generation's watch. Shame that I was unable to keep what my forbears retained for us, and I will be ashamed that future generations, who will surely need such an area even more than we do, will have been let down by our very narrow view of the world, our lack of foresight, and our lack of leadership.