

PPC28 – impact on personal enjoyment

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I have read much of the information lodged in relation to PPC28, and I have looked at the most recent Structure Plan in Mr Milne's evidence. I understand in a general sense what type of development is proposed. I oppose this urban development.

- Arrived in Nelson in 1984 from Austria with my Kiwi husband and small son
- Worked for many years as a GP from 166 Collingwood Street
- Went to Dunedin, wrote a PhD and lectured at the Medical School
- Came back to Nelson in 2017

My own history

Nelson's environment, particularly the natural beauty, tranquility and accessibility of the lower Maitai Valley and the Maitai River, was a major draw card to settle in Nelson, and later to return.

It was the ideal place to bring up our son, who could independently and safely cycle to and swim in the Maitai, and use the surrounding sport fields with his friends.

I frequently go for walks up the Centre of New Zealand and along the Maitai River all year, and love swimming and picnicking in the summer.

I now go there with my grandchildren, and having easy access to these places is a major contributor to my personal sense of wellbeing.

- Tranquility
- Spacious rural and natural character and vista
- Safety
- Water quality
- Bird life and other biodiversity
- **Loss of amenity value of the lower Maitai Valley and the Centre of New Zealand**

What would get lost with urbanization of Kaka Valley?

- Several thousand more traffic movements
- Years of earthworks activities and building noise –including for infra structure
- Urban activities and noise
- Presence of several thousand more people, their pets, their visitors

This will not only affect the lower Maitai Valley but also the Centre of New Zealand.

Loss of tranquility

- From along the Maitai walkways, swim holes and picnic areas
- From higher places like the Centre of New Zealand

I disagree with Mr Milne that the value of landscape vista impacts are overstated and also that the Centre of New Zealand is mostly directed towards sea views.

Every time I visit the Centre of New Zealand, looking back towards the Maitai and beyond gives me and others (I have spoken to locals and tourists) a great sense of pleasure. I have watched the sun come up over the valley many times.

Loss of spacious rural character and vista





- During the construction phase, extra heavy vehicle traffic will substantially increase the risks to cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians
- So will the predicted future 6-7000 more traffic movements

When my son was young I had no concerns for his safety when he was cycling or walking in the lower Maitai Valley. I want the same level of safety and the same freedom of movement for today's young people of Nelson, and for my grandchildren

Loss of safety

- The lower Maitai Valley is highly used by people of all ages and abilities, including myself and my family
- It plays a major role in what Nelson means to me and why I like living here (and for the over 13000 fellow petition signers)
- I want this area to stay free of urban development

Preserve the amenity!

When it's gone it's gone!

Reject PPC 28



Thank You!