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My name is Caroline Vine.  
I have been a resident and ratepayer for several  
years in Nelson.  
I came from London with my family at the age of  
7 and have loved and adored the Maitai river  
ever since.  
I wish to voice my concern and deep opposition  
to greenfield development in Kaka Valley as  
proposed by the private plan change.

This particular area of the Nelson Maitai river is incredibly valuable as a beautiful quiet recreation space and has been treasured for many many years by both locals and visitors alike as it has a special attraction.

It would be an irreversible and grave mistake on the part of the Nelson Council should this type of mass development be approved right on the banks of our much needed and beloved clean fresh local swimming holes.

How can this even be considered with all the concrete jungle areas taking more and more of our grass, trees and scenery in Nelson?

I don't wish to live in an overcrowded place like Richmond, with massive amounts of cars, streetlights, roads and buildings.

That's why I love to live here in Nelson.

I cherish the Maitai as a green belt open space.  
I admire the green belts that have been preserved in  
Wellington near their city.

Surely the Council could learn from this example.  
What about the increased number of birds flying through  
from the Brook Sanctuary creating a natural wildlife corridor  
into the Maitai Valley?  
I can't imagine them wanting to fly into an urban zone full of  
bulldozers, heavy machinery, trucks and cars.  
The views of the river valley from the Centre of New Zealand  
and from the nearby vicinity would be forever changed and  
lost if this change from a rural zone ever became a reality in  
this pristine environment.

The vast increase in the amount of traffic and pollution and major changes in roading, bridges and infrastructure to allow this plan of a terrifyingly substantial housing proposal fills over 13,000 people on the Save the Maitai petition with absolute horror and disbelief!

Please do not continue to ignore so many shocked and saddened people who have for considerable time shown their very strong opposition to any rezoning from rural to residential in the Kaka Valley area.

Many who signed the petition are ratepayers.  
Remember the Council was elected to represent our wishes too.

Please listen to us and stop these plans from forever destroying another beautiful river valley. This is one of the last parts of Nelson to currently be spared from tons of concrete, bright road lights and seriously disturbing massive amounts of building over the green grass and trees.

Elevated levels of additional air and sound pollution would certainly result from any proposed subdivision in this currently quiet place.

Please leave the river, the trees and the birds alone. Keep the Maitai as a tranquil recharging haven for locals and visitors to enjoy and relax in.

Currently it is an extremely special place to watch the dark night sky and stars and moon and listen to the river and the birds.

Many folk here rely on this part of our river for their physical and mental health especially in Covid times when many are staying closer to home.

It is presently a safe zone just a short distance from Nelson enabling people to reach the healing and peaceful properties of the valley to recharge their batteries and get on with life.

The beach is way too far for some to get to.

We need the river for swimming, walking and biking.  
How can the Council close their eyes to the beauty that exists up here right now?

This will destroy the community.

How will this proposal enhance the valley or our city?  
How can the Council continue to even brazenly consider any such idea after the complete rejection several years ago by the Nelson public of housing development up here in rural zoning territory?

There appears to have been a lack of public consultation this time when the proposal was raised again.

It seems the Nelson Council didn't carry out enough checks to see how many people were still opposed to any Maitai development before any such idea was set in motion.

Considerable numbers of low income, elderly and disabled residents cherish the accessibility and availability of Kaka Valley and rejoice in the chance to relax up here.

Please, I entreat you, don't spoil it forever for thousands of us.

It is in our blood and we love it.

It's one of the reasons many people choose to live in Nelson.

So many people would be unable to still enjoy this part of the city in the same way if this were to happen.



How are they going to manage any rezoning problems due to urban development sprawl and roading issues?

How about the stormwater runoff and general household chemical cleaning products damaging nature if such mass building is ever consented?

Will these issues not pose an adverse effect on the environment?

How about the water quality in the river?

Will it still remain swimmable, especially at Dennes Hole and Black Hole?

It looks like an unsuitable building site in a cold, damp, steep,  
flood zone area.

Let's protect the river - it has no voice.

It is a living entity like Puppu springs in Takaka.

It's part of Nelson's heritage and our legacy for future  
generations.

Don't let the daily summer swims and joyful and safe walks  
and bike rides become just memories of a once idyllic and  
tranquil past.

If you need to build, do it in the city but not here in nature.  
Try to build upwards, build more affordable apartment blocks  
for those in need of homes.

I implore you to reject this application please.

Thankyou.

Please consider the following slides as a visual representation  
of the beauty and tranquility of our Maitai River.















