

Loe and Lies Stolte – Plan 48 Hearing

We oppose the planned subdivision in its entirety.

We are an elderly couple who have 2 children and 4 grandchildren who reside in Oakura. We are regular visitors who enjoy catching up with family and/or enjoy the many activities on offer in Oakura for us and our family.

We are regulars up at Oakura School, either picking up the grandchildren, grandparent's day or to watch the grandchildren play sport for either interschool, or Saturday soccer. Each time we visit the school, the sports fields are, (more often than not), in use.

We find parking at the school can be difficult and manoeuvring around Donnelly St can be challenging and this is now, with no subdivision. The increase of traffic that would occur from the proposed subdivision up and down Donnelly St and onto the Main St, would further increase the safety risk for pedestrians and drivers. On top of this, we are absolutely gobsmacked to think the Ministry of Education could even consider that Oakura School has the capacity of 1000 students. If the proposed subdivision was to go ahead: What would happen to the school's sports fields? Where would the children play their sport? How could Donnelly St, the Main St and other parts of Oakura possibly cope with the increase of traffic and manage to keep pedestrians and drivers safe. Our families have nothing but positive things to say about Oakura School, this, we're sure would change if Oakura School's size would increase significantly. Share number would change the character and feel of the school.

Oakura beach is another place we enjoy with family. Parking and traffic, once again, is already an issue here. Having the subdivision across the main road poses the problem of residents more inclined to drive to the beach rather than walking, creating further traffic and parking problems.

We think that Oakura does not have the infrastructure and services to cope and manage with the proposed subdivision.