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Submission against PPC48

Kia ora,

My name is Erica Thompson, I live on Wairau Road. I have lived in Oakura since I was 18 months old. This is my home.

I am against the proposed subdivision called Wairau Estate on this particular area of land.

Presently, I am a Year 8 student at Oakura School and have been a student here for all my school life. Throughout the years, our school has grown at a steady pace, but we have lost many playing spaces to the increasing number of students. Firstly we lost an adventure playground to two classrooms. Secondly we lost the gallery room which was converted to a an additional classroom. And finally we lost a memorable junior playing field that was used to place one new classroom on.

This small grassed playing area was a favourite for the younger children who were sometimes scared to play on the large field with the older and bigger children. Unfortunately, since the field has gone, this is now the only area of grass available to them.

Now we have a larger amount of students and less playing space for exercise and fresh air.

If this large amount of housing comes to be, there is no hope for our future school!

Who will be responsible for building a new school? Who will be responsible for providing the green space for us to grow and thrive in?

I have seen developments in Oakura that have improved our village. For example, the new skate park where I enjoy skateboarding and hanging out with my friends. Also both the Surf Club and Boardriders have been developed to include old and new members. A development of this size would ruin the village community feel that me and my friends enjoy so much.

My time at Oakura school is coming to an end as I will be leaving for high school at the end of this year. However, I am submitting against this plan change as I care about the future students of Oakura School. I hope they will be able to enjoy the spaces to learn and grow as I have.

Therefore I ask for PPC48 to be declined.

Thank you.