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SUB# Rural Plan Changes
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Your Worship, Councillors,

My name is Elaine MacKintosh and I'm here representing the residents of Parakiore Rd to support submission numbers 56 through to 69 and 222 – 226.

The proposed changes to the district plan would see Parakiore Rd become a Rural Production Environment. One of the key features of rural production is not being able to subdivide to anything below 20ha, presumably because this is considered the minimum for land to be productive.

At present there are about 45 titles of land on Parakiore Rd and only 3 of them are over 20 ha. In fact 38 of the titles are less than 5ha and of those 22 are under 1 ha. None of the 3 properties that are over 20 ha are run as fully productive farms. The owners all have full-time jobs and run these as supplementary income only.

Parakiore Rd is not well suited to production due to the steep nature of much of the terrain.

If we were classified as a Rural Living Area, as we are requesting, subdivision would be restricted to an average lot size of 2ha. As the majority of properties on the road are already under this size, it makes sense that Parakiore Rd be included in this classification.

We have noted that it is proposed that Crane and Materau Rds be given Rural Living status and we feel that we have far more in common with these roads rather than being included in the broad sweep of Rural Production zone. In fact we are much closer to the urban area, being only 3km from central Kamo, than either of these roads.

We understand the reasoning behind protecting larger rural blocks from subdivision, but feel that Rural Production Environment does not reflect the true nature and character of Parakiore Rd, which is so obviously an area of smaller, semi-rural lifestyle blocks.

It is also proposed to make Parakiore Rd an Outstanding Natural Landscape and Outstanding Natural Feature resource area. We are not objecting to these changes and feel that would provide sufficient protections as this would make any subdivision a discretionary activity.

We hope you will reconsider the zoning of Parakiore Road as a Rural Production Environment in favour of Rural Living Environment as this would fairly reflect the current land use and nature of our road.