Addedum submission for Plan change 28 Hearings Scheduled for July 15th @ 2pm. S104 This will be presented by Anne Kolless due School holidays

Presentation for RMA Maitai private plan change - Tom

Kia ora koutou. Ko Tom Jerram toku ingoa.
Nelson is my home. I have 2 children, I am a doctor in the local Emergency Department, and I feel deeply rooted in our community
The Maitai is special. Having an unspoiled taonga like this running through our town is a large part of what drew us to Nelson, and a large part of what has kept us here. We swim in the river daily in summer. We meet friends by its banks. I run by its side daily. I kayak the upper reaches when it rains, and float the lower reaches down to nile street with my Tamariki. Our local community is based around this river
I don't believe it is possible to keep what is so special about the Maitai if the planned subdivision goes ahead.
There will be stormwater runoff and environmental degradation, despite what the developer may promise
The urban area will sprawl to encompass many of the swimming holes we treasure
The increased traffic will endanger our tamariki, cyclists, and recreational users of the lower Maitai
The health effects will be myriad. Some, like the inevitable increased collisions between cyclists and cars will be easily visible. But the most significant health effects will be harder to quantify.
There is a large amount of literature on the effect of green spaces on mental and physical health. Our health system is slowly collapsing, and anything we can do to ease the burden of physical and mental disease is crucial. This is not the time to destroy recreational reserves in Aotearoa, it is the time to build them up
I understand the need for more housing, but it does not need to be here. Development within the city, while preserving the green spaces adjacent to the city, is a far better model
I am asking for the comissioners to value our green spaces, to value our physical and mental health, to value our Tamariki, and to reject the plan change

Nga Mihi Nui
Dr Tom Jerram

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