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**RE: Annual Plan 2022-23 submission**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My partner and I have lived in Oamaru for over ten years and own two properties here. We shifted to the Waitaki from Queenstown Lakes District where subdivision development pressures began in the early 2000s and continue to this day. I bring this perspective to my submission on the Waitaki District Annual Plan 2022-23.

I am concerned with the subdivision infill in the areas between Oamaru Central and Weston. Roads like Parsons Rd, Tutu Hill Rd, Ardgowan Rd, and Homestead Rd are no longer suited to the amount of traffic and types of vehicles that currently use them. The roads are narrow and winding with blind corners, schools and buses, one-way bridges, and virtually no verges. The amount and sizes of the vehicles do not allow for the safe passage of cyclists and pedestrians. With an increase in the number of new houses in this area, there has been an increase in all types of movement on these roads. There are more pedestrians and cyclists trying to navigate these unsafe corridors, including young people riding bikes and walking to schools or bus stops.

I submit that:

- 1) Council should not consent any more new subdivisions in this area until these roads are made safer for everyone by widening roads, creating footpaths and cycleways.
- 2) Council should allocate funds in this annual plan process to begin addressing these roading issues with a goal to providing ratepayers with a comprehensive roading assessment and proposed plan for the area. Given the urgency of these safety issues this consultation should begin immediately.
- 3) Oamaru Creek is a natural boundary between Weston and Oamaru Central. It is a sensitive landscape subject to erosion and flooding. No new roads should be created in the Oamaru Creek catchment area.
- 4) Council should consult with the community about what types of linkages will safely connect Weston and Oamaru Central for all types of users. Right now vehicular traffic is heavily prioritised leaving cyclists and pedestrians exposed to unsafe conditions.
- 5) Council should provide ratepayers with how much development contributions have been received in the last 10 years and a breakdown of where those contributions have been targeted.

It has been frustrating to watch the Waitaki District Council taking the same path Queenstown Council did in the early 2000s. Many opportunities to appropriately and adequately address development of the rural areas were missed and they are paying more now than if they had tackled the issues early on.

I implore this Council to address the issues raised above in order to avoid mistakes made by other Councils.

I welcome the opportunity to speak to my submission on 16 May. Please note I am not available on 17 May.

Kind regards,

Karen