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Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 11:20 AM
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Subject: Re: Maitahi Village Application - Alex Mickleson

Good Morning Alex,

My property at [REDACTED] is adjacent to the South-Eastern edge of the proposed development and I have been invited to comment on the fast-track application. I am in favour of realigning Kaka Stream away from the former sheep dipping site to prevent contamination of waterways.

Contamination of the Maitai River from development activities and long-term runoff from the sub-division is a big concern of mine.

However, my major concern is the reliance on the One-Way Gibbs Bridge to handle the expected traffic. My daughter was hit by a driver while cycling to her rowing practice a few years ago just after crossing the bridge. She sustained traumatic injuries in the accident, and the driver never stopped to render assistance.

This real-life example of the dangers of the existing inadequate bridge infrastructure should provide a warning and serve to help prevent a tragic accident in the future (the bridge has to be double-laned and bicycle friendly). I for the life of me cannot see how the project was approved without this as part of the scope.

In addition to the risk to life and limb of the existing bridge design, the anticipated increase in traffic will make the bottleneck all but impassable at peak times. The anticipated ten-fold increase in logging traffic over the next few years is another example of the road management disaster that awaits inaction on upgrading the bridge infrastructure. THE GIBBS BRIDGE HAS TO BE REBUILT TO HANDLE SAFELY THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC (Sub-Division Development (years of it), Commuter, Logging, Cycling, Pedestrian, Tourist, etc.)

I am in support of the extension of any services further up the Maitai Valley Rd that the Kaka Valley development may allow. In particular the provision of town water and sewage together with fiber internet could be installed cost effectively during the development phase.

I have been in favor of the development since day 1, as long as it is done correctly. Right now, the only major gap in the scope for me is the lack of any upgrade to the Gibbs Bridge infrastructure (for this issue, lives are actually at risk).

Kind Regards, Chris Taylor

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