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I do NOT wish to make a personal submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered.

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Tuesday 7 June and Friday 10 June 2005.

When the proposal was first made to upgrade Hamilton Ave I was concerned that this would destroy the character of the road and wrote to the Council about my concerns. The draft layout confirmed my worst fears and I immediately emailed the project staff that the whole proposal would be destructive of the streetscape unless the power was placed underground.

I firmly believe that the current proposal is an expensive retrograde step in the process of improving our City.

Any work should be done in the order i) underground cables ii) drainage (landscaping iii) road geometry. Any other order will result in the work being dug up so that underground cables can be laid at a later date.

It seems that the Council has a policy that ratepayers should pay 50% of underground costs - it is virtually impossible to get agreement of several hundred ratepayers so the Council policy is in effect, a "do not

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underground" policy (- at least until the wires become unsafe)

The obvious course is for the Council to use rates ad project from the Linc Company to do this work which has an enduring benefit for current ad future residents of the street.

I strongly oppose proceeding with any work in Hamilton Ave until the scheme can incorporate putting the power underground. Certainly the current proposal to destroy mature trees whilst leaving unsightly power reticulation will leave the residents of this street with a visual environment that would be a constant reminder of the perverseness of Council ad the inability of engineers to imagine the negative impacts of their designs. Mature trees should not be removed unless it is necessary ad I believe that a bit of design imagination could preserve some of not all the current environment.

In summary therefore I submit that, if the power cables should go underground as a precursor to the main drainage ad road works ad if the Council should relax its impractical policy of ~~refuse~~<sup>resident</sup> funding of the underground work ad properly facilitate the work out of rate funds.

