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I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

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For yourself

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Your Submission:

1. At present developers are able to put down/build dwellings, without being able to assure there will be an adequate water supply. Houses are popping up rapidly with no consultation or foresight.

Rainwater tanks should be compulsory in Little River. Our rainfall is good. We ourselves have ample rainwater for our use.

There is already a demand for spring fed water that can't be filled. It is also important we keep the rivers in our tributary fully in flow, for the benefit of Lake Wairewa and wildlife habitat. Tapping into the rivers is not an option.

2. Compost toilets.

We have a compost toilet. These are becoming more efficient and use friendly all the time. In Little River they are a good option and should be recommended.

3. There is an area behind the Little River shops that is very suitable for wetland planting.

We would like to see funds made available for wetland plants. The community would do the planting themselves. Quite a large area could be reverted back to its original state. It would also help in the reduction of flooding in the area.

4. There is also scope for native plantings as an extension to the Heritage Park.

A small nursery provides native trees of mature size for local planting purposes. We have a local team of people (Living Streams restoration group) who take part in working bees.

Carparking is slowly taking over the area. We hope it will not encroach on the area further.

5. Thanks to the present system where developers lead the way, and properties and houses are created without input of prospective owners, we are lumbered with totally abhorrent suburbs and settlements (Halswell being

one example). All dwellings look the same, dull and grey, and there is no imagination in the provisions for community living. (community gardens, place for composting etc.)

We need a panel of architects and builders for whom esthetics and wholesome living is paramount, and who do have more in sight than dollar signs.

6. At present garden and kitchen waste on the Peninsula is shipped to Bromley. We have Wasteline on the Peninsula who are doing a great job creating compost.

We would like to see that Wasteline is giving the option of using local green waste to process themselves. They will need assistance with buying equipment.

It does not make sense and is expensive to cover so many miles to remove our waste.

7. I have not yet met anyone who feels one iota of excitement about the development of the tramway.

It's obviously too late now but one wonders who makes these crazy decisions.

Apart from the fact that the tourism industry is fragile, surely we have better things to offer.

Get rid of the shopping malls in the suburbs and bring developments like there are in High Street with the charming cafes etc. where you could think you were in Paris for a moment. (always nearly empty...)

I like to be in the inner city, but at present it's rather a desolate place with empty shops everywhere. The tram is another depressing item on the list.