
PRECIS OF VERBAL SUBMISSIONS TO WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL'S HEART OF TE AWAMUTU PROJECT, AS HEARD AT A MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TE AWAMUTU, ON 5 AUGUST 2008, COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM.

NEW ZEALAND ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (Charlene Kerr) - was heard at 9.08 am

- Believes that if heavy vehicles are forced onto residential streets, safety issues will result in conflict with children.
- Believes that residential roads will quickly deteriorate with increased heavy traffic flows.
- Believes that the negotiation of residential streets by trucks with four axle trailer units results in multiple crossing of the centre line to avoid kerb riding.
- Advised that on-board GPS navigation systems would take drivers through the shortest route.
- Questioned the weight restrictions on the Mutu Street bridge.
- Believes that safety is compromised when exiting Racecourse Road heading north due to the 70kph state highway climb uphill immediately upon exiting.

CORBOY EARTHMOVERS LIMITED (Craig Corboy) - was heard at 9.26 am

- Believes that since Western Arterial talks first began in 1978, Council should begin construction.
- Believes that stopping and starting on the main street is hard on trucks.

TE AWAMUTU BULK SPREADERS (LEONEE FURNISS & JAMES FORD) - were heard at 9.35 am

- Believes that trucks should not be forced onto residential streets.
- Advised that all spreader trucks are fitted with oversize tyres allowing little room to negotiate residential streets.
- Believes that safety is the number one priority, especially when trucks are fully loaded.
- Believes loaded trucks constantly turning strains both the vehicle and the road.
- Increased costs of fuel, time and road user charges is incurred by any extra travel and efficiency is important to maintain viability as a business.
- Believes that the increase in vibrations when empty would result in residents making complaints.
- Advised that would be willing to pay tolls to use the Western Arterial.

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LEONEE FURNISS - was heard at 9.51 am

- Believes that the cultural centre should not progress until the Western Arterial is completed.

Leonee Furniss presented Mayor Livingston with a petition containing over 700 signatures against the proposed bylaw.

NOD CHANDLER - was heard at 9.54 am

- Believes that any money should be spent on the Western Arterial.
- Does not support trucks being forced out of Alexandra Street until there is an appropriate alternative.
- Believes that residents brought their houses in quiet streets and do not want heavy vehicles using them.
- Supports the use of tolls on the Western Arterial.
- Believes that heavy vehicle drivers are courteous when using Alexandra Street.
- Does not support Mutu Street as it is not up to heavy traffic volumes.
- Believes that it would not be easy to reschedule timetables in order to avoid peak traffic hours.

BILL BARTIE - was heard at 10.38 am

- Does not support Mutu Street as an acceptable alternative.
- Presented a map showing alternative routes.
- Does not support the widening of side walks in the main street.
- Does not support construction of the Cultural Centre until the Western Arterial is completed.
- Does not support Racecourse Road as an acceptable alternative due to the hill when heading north.

ROD BENT - was heard at 10.46 am

- Believes the upgrade is an opportunity to erect a monument as an expression of New Zealand's bi-cultural heritage.
- Believes that as all current expressions are indoors, there is a need to put something in a suitable place within the CBD.

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MURRAY GREEN - was heard at 10.53 am

- Believes that all other projects should remain a wish list until a western access and a northern access are in place.
- Believes that the open day regarding the HOTA project should have been more than one day.
- Supports that users pay a toll on the Western Arterial.
- Does not support the Cultural Centre.
- Supports the town centre CCTV project as the second highest priority project.

JOHN JONES - was heard at 11.02 am

- Does not support the use of Mutu Street as an alternative route.

DAVID STRAWBRIDGE - was heard at 11.11 am

- Believes that an acceptable alternative bypass for heavy vehicles is the main priority.
- Does not support the proposed bylaw.
- Supports the relocation of Plunket (Wellness Centre).
- Supports tolls as an option to build the Western Arterial.

MR E CLARKE - was heard at 11.19 am

- Does not support the Western Arterial and the first three items on the project list.
- Believes that if rate increase must more than Te Awamutu's pensioners would be unable to afford to live in the town.
- Does not support removing heavy vehicles from Alexandra Street.
- Believes that truck drivers are responsible, respectable people.

BILL JENKINS - was heard at 11.27 am

- Does not support the camper park at Albert Park.
- Believes that workers would be required to clean up the mess left behind.
- Believes that Roadrunner would suffer financially.
- Believes that people would stay for more than one night.

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BRUCE MACDONALD - was heard at 11.41 am

- Believes that planning for the next fifty years is good.
- Does not support clutter around pedestrian crossings.
- Believes that Te Awamutu needs to move on from being a service town.

VRENI & JURG RUSSENBERGER - was heard at 11.56 am

- Believes that increasing the pavements in Alexandra Street will make parking a problem.
- Supports the lack of parking meters within the CBD.
- Supports the Western Arterial.

WEYMAN BALLANTYNE - was heard at 12.49 pm

- Believes that the current degradation of Mutu Street make it a priority.
- Supports the town centre CCTV as the second highest priority.
- Supports the Mahoe Street upgrade due to developments around the events centre.
- Does not support the Alexandra Street upgrade as difficult to justify the economic and social benefits.
- Does not support the current planting scheme around the pedestrian crossings.
- Does not support the proposed bylaw.
- Supports the Western Arterial.
- Supports Council's practice of purchasing land as it becomes available for the Western Arterial.

GAYLE BLACKWELL - was heard at 1.07 pm

- Does not support the installation of street furniture.
- Supports Mahoe Street as a heavy vehicle alternative.
- Does not support the increased pavement in Alexandra Street.
- Does not support the Western Arterial.
- Supports the Cultural Centre with an Art Gallery but not at the cost mentioned.

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ANNETTE JOHNSON - was heard at 1.31 pm

- Does not support the proposed bylaw.
- Supports the Western Arterial.
- Supports staging of the Western Arterial.
- Supports the Cultural Centre and an Art Gallery.
- Supports an extended version of the Pioneer Walkway.
- Supports the outdoor pool and other facilities.
- Does not support the paving upgrade.
- Supports sign only Gateways to town.
- Does not support the Market Street upgrade.
- Supports the Albert Park car park tar sealing.
- Supports the Library expansion.

SABINA OWEN - was heard at 1.44 pm

- Supports the Cultural Centre.
- Supports the establishment of a new Museum building.
- Supports the Pioneer Walk.
- Supports a Heritage theme to Alexandra Street.
- Does not support an Alexandra Street upgrade.
- Supports a Character Area similar to Cambridge's.
- Supports re-erection of Mission House.

TE AWAMUTU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Chris Smith) - was heard at 2.25 pm

- Believes that there is a need to create a healthy business environment.
- Supports the development of the CBD to a cost of \$10m over three years.
- Does not support the proposed bylaw.
- Does not support heavy vehicles in residential streets.
- Supports the Western Arterial for commencement.
- Does not support with kerb relocation and repaving of Alexandra Street.
- Supports a one-way system for Alexandra Street if Western Arterial does not proceed.
- States that currently there is no trucking membership in the Chamber.
- Supports rating for the promotion of the District.

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JENNY CHARMAN - was heard at 2.43 pm

- Presented a design concept for the Rose Gardens incorporating Maori features.

JOHN MILLS - was heard at 2.49 pm

- Believes that a loop road right around the town is required.
- Does not heavy vehicles in residential streets.

TE AWAMUTU FEDERATED FARMERS / HUYBRECHT POOT - was heard at 3.18 pm

- Supports a toll road with ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) or a manual toll booth or a coin toss booth.
- Does not support funding the Western Arterial by Cambridge rate payers.
- Supports the HOTA upgrade.
- Believes that traffic flows on state highway three will increase dramatically over the next fifteen years.

TE AWAMUTU COMMUNITY BOARD (Dean Taylor) - was heard at 3.34 pm

- Does not support the proposed bylaw until all work has been finished.
- Supports the Gateways as a higher priority.
- Supports the Pioneer Walkway as a higher priority.
- Supports investigation into alternatives regarding the Western Arterial.
- Supports a link between Alexandra Street and the Events Centre.
- Supports a bigger walkway from Alexandra Street to the car park.
- Does not support the use of Mahoe Street for heavy vehicles.
- Supports the playground.
- Does not support a rise in rates for the Western Arterial as would mean less money for other projects.

ALAN HALL - was heard at 3.46 pm

- Supports the Cultural and Heritage Centre.
- Supports the walking link between Alexandra Street and the Events Centre.
- Supports the Museum inside the Cultural Centre.

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TE AWA TOI (The River of Art) - was heard at 3.59 pm

- Believes that the town's current branding does not reflect the current society.
- Believes that the expression of public art is hidden from view.
- Believes that Maori art needs to be embraced.
- Believes that an art exchange with the sister cities is an option for international expression.
- Believes that more active Maori participation as both public and staff is required with the Museum.
- Believes Maori focussed education programmes should be provided in the Museum.
- Believes a fulltime Maori cultural advisor is required for the Museum.
- Supports appropriate public art in the ANZAC green.
- Believes that Uenuku should be in a place with UV protected sunlight over him as it is part of his story.

WAIPA PLUNKET COMMITTEE (Sheryl Davies, Sue Hartley & Jo Withers) - was heard at 4.23 pm

- Supports the relocation of Plunket.

MARTIN RUMP - was heard at 4.39 pm

- Does not support the proposed bylaw to move heavy vehicles into residential streets.
- Supports the relocation of Plunket.
- Supports a safe crossing across state highway three for pedestrians.
- Supports an adventure playground for children and teenagers.
- Supports the encouragement of cycling within the town.