



## Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association

### Update on Public Meeting on proposed zoning changes

We held a very successful public meeting on the proposed zoning changes earlier this week, with over 600 people attending. At the meeting, the scope and impact of the proposed changes were presented, showing that 79% of properties in Mission Bay, 62% in Orakei and over 40% in Kohimarama are proposed to be rezoned to higher density. The nature of the changes will eventually result in virtually all of these suburbs being characterised by 3 story apartment buildings, rather than their current 2 story suburban character. It should be emphasised that these changes are on top of the changes already included in the publically notified Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (PAUP) which the Council's own modelling indicates already provides enough capacity to meet Auckland's needs.

We all know that Auckland is growing fast and that we do need to intensify to accommodate the increasing population. That is what PAUP is for. The real issue here is that the Council is trying to slip these changes through without any public consultation at all. We have been going through a massive public consultation process on the PAUP for the last 3 years and now at the last minute, the Council has said they have changed their mind, added these massive changes and attempted an end-run around the public consultation process. They are so determined to avoid any public discussion that they issued instructions to Council staff forbidding them from attending our public meeting to answer questions!

As you may have seen in the media, Tuesday's meeting seems to have ignited a firestorm, with the Herald suggesting that now 10 of 21 councillors support voting to withdraw the proposed changes. This is not quite enough, but we believe that now is the perfect time to build on this momentum by contacting all councillors and letting them know our concerns.

There are two key points which we believe will get the most traction:

1. The way in which the Council has gone about proposing new areas for intensification, affecting many tens of thousands of residents and large areas in many suburbs, at a late stage of the Unitary Plan process and without any opportunities for consultation or submission is totally undemocratic and unprecedented in New Zealand.

This is a fundamental breach of the principles of natural justice and an abuse of process.

2. Councillors should stand up and take leadership on this issue to show that they do support democratic principles and natural justice, by voting to withdraw the 17<sup>th</sup> December rezoning plans.

We would urge as many of you as possible to contact all of the Councillors listed below to express your concerns and encourage them to do the right thing. Note that our local Councillor Cameron Brewer is already in favour of withdrawing the changes, and so it is important to contact all Councillors and not just him as your local representative.

While there are many other things you might want to tell the councillors, we believe that by concentrating on the abuse of process with a short sharp statement, councillors can be embarrassed into changing their position. By all means feel free to say whatever you like, but remember that statements such as "I have lived here for 50 years and I don't want to see my suburb change" are likely to be classified as NIMBYism (Not In My Back Yard) and used to undermine the credibility of your submission.

For your convenience, we have included a list of email addresses below the list of councillors' names so that you can cut and paste this list into your email if you wish.

Thanks for your help

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Chair  
Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association

### *Councillors*

Mayor Len Brown  
John Watson  
Wayne Walker  
Dr Cathy Casey  
Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO  
Bill Cashmore  
Dick Quax  
Sharon Stewart  
Arthur Anae  
Alf Filipaina  
Calum Penrose  
Sir John Walker  
Denise Krum  
Chris Darby  
George Wood  
Cameron Brewer  
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Linda Cooper  
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Mike Lee  
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