

Kia Ora, Good Morning,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you one last time.

My name is Deborah Fisher and I am here as a submitter requesting you approve the Historic Heritage Area identified as Fairview Downs.

I have previously talked about the lived experiences of myself and many other long term residents. I have drawn attention to petitions, community engagement and requests. I have also struggled to keep up with participating in this process and have done so for those in my community that have trusted me to represent them. I have received 52 emails since 20th December 2022 (less than a year) regarding this Plan Change alone and I know that I am not the only Hamilton resident that has found this hearing and process discouraging and disheartening.

I was initially not sure that I could comment on Mr Knott's last assessment as I believed it was only the experts involved in this process that could comment. Upon reading this reassessment for the first time I actually had a melt down as what my mind interpreted this as was "the expert employed by the Council had decided that Fairview Downs shouldn't be an HHA and that was the end of all hope". Previous experiences have taught me that when experts can't agree decisions tend to favour those with more authority in the process.

My neighbourhood has remained relatively unchanged since it was built in the 60's and 70's with changes since the 1980's development being only a handful of properties in the last 5-10 years. To suggest that my house and others in the area reduce Heritage value simply because they are not currently completely visible is an insult to the intelligence of property owners. Our houses still exist, unchanged, they either have Heritage value or they don't and the existence or not of fencing or vegetation does not alter our homes value.

I sincerely hope that when making your final decision you give genuine consideration to all the evidence, documents, statements, petitions and requests made by and on behalf of my community to be an Historic Heritage Area and not simply agree with those opposed to this residents initiated request that it is too large, too hard and doesn't fit desired results.

Thank you for your time.