

THE RESORCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

In the mater of

Plan Change 9 to the
Hamilton City District
Plan

EVIDENCE OF THELMA MILLER

- 1 My name is Thelma Miller and I live at 8 Radford Place which is a street or *Cul de sac* running off Harrowfield Drive.
- 2 I have read my husband's evidence and I agree with the detail and adopt it.
- 3 We live alongside a gully which creates both responsibilities and benefits. The responsibilities are that we do not throw rubbish, weeds, vegetation, cuttings, or indeed anything into the gully.. The benefits are increasing birdsong; tui are now present almost on a daily basis and the occasional fantails and grey warblers are seen there. Morepork are present and can be heard at night but they are becoming quite rare due, I think due to increasing intensity of housing over time.
- 4 Using a hand-held hose, I regularly water the top of the gully and down to where the hose will reach in order to keep the area damp. This is to encourage ferns and vegetation growth and to protect the bank from erosion all of which encourages bird-life.
- 5 In the past we have also been active in opossum control by trapping although we have not continued with this due to the cost.
- 6 As my husband has pointed out, we are among the original residents of Harrowfield and have lived there since April 1988. We were attracted to Harrowfield because of the size of the sections and the careful control of housing size and design exercised by the developer Mr Graham Robinson.
- 7 The subdivision has a number of special characteristics,. It has one main street which encircles the area with a number of *culs de sac* radiating from this. The encircling street is wide with two carriageways and a central median planted in lawn with ornamental trees.
- 8 Section sizes are generous and houses are large and individually designed mostly by architects.
- 9 Many residents have lived here from the outset and enjoy membership of the Harrowfield Club which owns the park. This is an open space which has tennis courts, a children's play area and which is the site of a number of activities sponsored by the Club each year.

- 10 In my view the combination of these aspects gives the area a special character and this needs to be protected from the possibility of further infill housing. which will have a deleterious effect on the suburb.
- 11 I know that I am not alone in seeking a heritage status for Harrowfield and I urge the Commission .to recommend this outcome to the City Council.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Miller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

T. Miller
8 Radford Place