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Hi Jess and Phil,

I have written a statement (see below) that I would like to be read out at tomorrow's hearing.

I've asked Tom Fraser if he could read this out for me as I'm unable to make it.

However if he can't read it for any reason could you please ask someone else who may read it out on my behalf? It should be well within my allocated minutes.

Thank you very much I appreciate your help.

Kind regards

My name is Jacqui Rademaker and my husband Jason and I have lived at [176 Birchs Road](#) with our two teenage children for over 15 years.

I have been fighting stage 4 breast cancer for two years now. As I am already under stress, added to this is concern around the safe entry to the new reserve via busy Birchs Road as well as to our own property at [176 Birchs Road](#). Especially with two teenagers about to begin driving.

Further to my previous submission I want to reiterate the following main points which do not cover all my concerns but are the most pressing in my view.

Birchs Road is already a busy road and will get far busier as more subdivisions go in. There have been several fatalities along Birchs Road over the 15 years we have lived here, one right at our front gate. Added to this there have been many accidents at the major intersections, especially at Birchs and Trices Road. Our local area is fraught with dangerous accidents at intersections seemingly every week. This is for the result of adding thousands of new homes yet not upgrading local roads and intersections.

I concur with my neighbours John and Sue Sheaf of [142 Birchs Road](#) regarding road safety concerns raised in their submission regarding current entry to their property, especially turning right from Prebbleton. This is also precarious for us as impatient drivers, often speeding or tailgating make it difficult for us to turn right into our property especially when so much traffic is coming towards us from Lincoln direction. The additional of the new reserve will absolutely compound this issue.

Sometimes impatient traffic will drive onto the rail bike trail in order to get around us as we

wait to turn right into our property.

Please note the current Railtrail cycle way is extremely close to the Birchs Road carriageway so this situation is already very dangerous for cyclists.

Widening Birchs Road from our neighbours at [142 Birchs Road through to our driveway](#) at 176 would definitely provide for a safer situation. There is only a very narrow shoulder 0.4m currently on both sides.

I am happy to note that the master plan at least now provides for a right turn lane on Birchs Road into the reserve coming from Lincoln direction. I support this and think it is imperative to a safe entry to the reserve. However it is not included within the conditions of the designation and I would not want this potentially overlooked when detailed designs are produced. My wish is for it to be included as a specific condition to avoid any potential misunderstandings in the future.

Regarding the right turn lane, the seal of the road would need to be widened by 3.5 m. If it were widened on the western side power poles would be too close to the traffic lane so it may be needed to widen on the eastern side especially given there should be some extra land to use safely. It's a chance to make this stretch of road far safer.

Reducing the speed limit to 50km along Birchs Road makes perfect sense. I realise this a separate issue but I feel certain that 60km will still see people travelling at 70-80km through this stretch. Given the additional cars, bikes, pedestrians and dogs now along the road it's just too dangerous.

Finally it would be appreciated if the commissioner would consider a further transit audit be produced specifically looking into the safety involved with accessing driveways 142, 170 and [179 on Birchs Road](#) and how the right turn lane and new entrance to the reserve may specifically effect these properties. The current Novo audit did not cover this off.

Also included should be the safety of both bus stops on either side of Birchs Road as well as cyclists safe distancing from vehicles and where a pedestrian crossing would best be to safely cross Birchs Road.

It would be great if this audit could be a condition of the designation and any adverse effects addressed.

Thank you for listening to my points.

Kind regards.

Jacqui Rademaker