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Subject: RE: Expert evidence for reconvened hearing
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PS – I would like to speak to my submission at the Hearing.

Thank you

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Subject: RE: Expert evidence for reconvened hearing

To: Independent Hearing Panel PC40-V1 re Minute 9 for reconvened Hearing

Please accept this as my submission on PC49/V1 with respect to new ecological expert evidence by Council.

I appreciate that this reconvened Hearing is limited to new evidence regarding ecological issues related to Silverstream Spur.

My concern is that ecological issues must be considered holistically and not just in silos.

The ecological evidence submitted by Council relates to parts of the Spur of natural significance. I want all parts of the Spur with native plants retained in their entirety, no road or infrastructure through the spur, and existing native vegetation given the opportunity to seed new native growth over the rest of the Spur in the long-term.

I am particularly concerned about removing any of this native vegetation for the sake of a road and infrastructure whose primary purpose is to open up large scale urban development in the South Growth Area (that is Guildford Company Land on the Pinehaven Hills).

There are negative ecological knock-on effects should such a road and development be permitted to occur before the flawed Pinehaven Flood is rectified.

The ecological consequences are damaging to the environment and threatening to human life. Recent example is a slip that occurred in a storm on 8th December 2019 as a result of forestry clearance above 136A Pinehaven Road.

Another example is 200 tons of rock and debris washed down from a hillside on a rural home in Upper Hutt in another storm event.

Expert evidence from RJ Hall and Associates Limited warns of 'serious ecological and life threatening harm that will result from the opening up of the Southern Growth Area (Guildford Development) by a road through the Spur.

I request that the panel give due regard to this holistic view of not just the consequences on the Spur, but the wider Pinehaven area as a result of this unwanted road through the Spur. I ask that the Panel give due consideration to the overwhelming evidence of flawed flood modelling and its serious ecological consequences which will not only effect Pinehaven residents but also along Hulls Creek at the foot of the Spur.

I do not think a major road is at all necessary for public access for recreational use of the Spur. A few well maintained tracts is all that is required.

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