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Brendon Greig, 1768e State Highway 2, Upper Hutt, <u>brendongreig@xtra.co.nz</u> **Declaration**: I do not stand to gain commercial advantage from my submission. **Statement**: I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

Dear Council Representative,

I am writing to bring attention to a critical issue affecting the Upper Hutt River. Recent assessments indicate a concerning level of E. coli contamination, posing a threat to the ecosystem and public health. The existing wastewater infrastructure is already strained, and adding more houses without addressing this challenge will exacerbate the problem.

It is imperative that immediate action be taken to upgrade and expand the wastewater treatment facilities to accommodate the growing demands of the community. Failure to address this issue not only jeopardizes the environment but also puts the health and well-being of residents at risk.

I urge the relevant authorities to prioritize investments in wastewater management and conduct a thorough examination of the current system's limitations. Collaborative efforts are needed to develop sustainable solutions that ensure the protection of the Upper Hutt River and the overall health of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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