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Minister for Children Hon. Tracey Martin
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To The Minister for Children

RE: Support of Application to Alter Existing Designations 3800 and 3802 in the Auckland Unitary Plan

I completely support the Minister for Children's application to alter;

- ***Designation 3800 'Care and Protection Centre – Upper North' (currently known as Whakatakapokai) at 398 Weymouth Road, Section 2 SO36124, Weymouth; and***
- ***Designation 3802 'Youth Justice Centre – Upper North' (Korowai Manaaki) at 21-24 Kiwi Tamaki Road, Lot DP448846***

Regards,
TeRata Boldy

Resident of Weymouth Area

CC:

Auckland Council Planning Technician (Unitary Plan)

Dr Claire Kirman

Alex Devine

Brian Putt

Barry Mosley

The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

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Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The facility as it is now is safe for our community and our families. We live adjacent to the current facility and have lived there for nearly 4 years, with no problems at all. If you bring in older kids who are a greater risk to the community this will impact our daily lives as we will not feel safe in our community/backyards. We will limit our kids being able to be in our own backyard. Having high risk kids in a facility with kids that aren't at a high risk like them, does not make sense.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
that Auckland Council decline the proposed alterations to Designation 3800 (Whakatakakopai) and leave the facility as it currently is.

Submission date: 19 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

Declaration

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

Full name of submitter: Pare Polly Rauwhero

Organisation name: Puukaki ki te Aakitai

Full name of your agent:

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Postal address:
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Mangere
Manukau 2022

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopakai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
As Mana Whenua Puukaki ki te Aakitai would like to support the proposed changes to allow Whakatakakopakai to be used as a Youth Justice Residence.

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we support the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
PKT are in total support of Oranga Tamariki direction towards a 'huarahi tiaki mo nga tamariki me nga rangatahi'. The emphasis on providing positive 'Care' and nurturing pathways within a community setting.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
We believe Whakatakakopakai to be a better environment for tamariki and rangatahi than the more prison like youth justice residences where they are currently placed. We agree with the change that will enable 17 year olds to be taken Care of through the youth justice system. Where everything possible to steer our tamariki and rangatahi in a positive direction so not to end up in prison. Having 17 year olds in a youth justice residences where they can get the Care, aroha, and support needed to begin their healing pathway and where possible engage whanau as part of the healing plan. Far more preferable to being in prison with harden and experienced offenders. PKT has an ongoing relationship with Oranga Tamariki, we are confident Oranga Tamariki will manage the Care of young people who will be placed in the residence proposed at Weymouth

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Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Contact details

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Organisation name: Individual

Full name of your agent:

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Weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
Ko te rereketanga o te mahi o te Oranga Tamariki ki te tiaki Taiohi

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
Ko te rereketanga o kaupapa o Te Tari Kawana Te Oranga Tamariki ara ki te pakeketanga 16 na pena ka whakae ki te hau atu nga Taiohi ki roto o Whakatakapokai me tango te ingoa e whakaatu ki runga te huarahi kuhunga ki Whakatakapokai na te mea kua eke na tau ki te 17,18,19 na tau o te taiohi.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Kia tango te ingoa e whakaatu ana ko Te Oranga Tamariki Whakatakapokai ki te kuhunga o Whakatakapokai na te mea i roto te ao Maori kei te he te whakahua atu tenei ingoa pena ka whakae te whakauru nga taiohi 17,18,19 ki roto o Whakatakapokai noho ai.

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Yes

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Ashley Ward

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Contact phone number:

Postal address:

Weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The current facility is too close to residential properties to have a Justice facility.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

Expand the Justice facility in Wiri

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Tracey Alenepi

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Postal address:
14 Taiaapure Street
Weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The changes to be made will affect my family. We live over the fence facing the backyard of Whakatakakopai and with the potential of runaways and violent youth offenders who may flee the place of stay, I don't want to run the risk of offenders in my backyard or anywhere near my home potentially endangering my family which includes very young children. I have fought and saved very hard to purchase our family home and we intend to live here for many generations to come. I oppose the changes suggested to this facility because I want to ensure my family's safety.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

- Explanation as to why such a high residential area has been selected as the location. - Alternative options so that there are no changes to be made to the existing arrangement, so that the youth that are being proposed to be housed be moved to a more isolated area such as Korowai Manaaki or e Maioha o Parekarangi for the protection of the residents.

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Adam Steve Whitefield

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Postal address:

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Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

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The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

I do not agree with allowing a change of designation to allow Youth Justice here. At the moment it is for Youth Protection which is fine. To change this to Youth Justice is not right as this is a close knit urban community of which the majority are families with preschool and school aged children. Having a Youth Justice Facility here is not in keeping with our community values. We do not want the potential of 30 late teen (17-19 years old) Youth offenders housed right next to our community. All other Youth Justice Facilities are in either Industrial areas (Korowai Manaaki Auckland) or Rural areas (Te Maioha o Parekarangi, Kingslea - Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo) I believe that Korowai Manaaki Auckland should be expanded instead of Whakatakapokai as it already has the infrastructure and security to safely house an expanded Youth Justice Offender population.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

I seek the Auckland Council to reject the application for an Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

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Contact details

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Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Postal address:

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AUCKLAND 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Concern about the safety of 30 if the numbers increase and also safety of neighbours as this is in residential area. Needs to be moved away to a business or industrial areas. We already have a high rate of crime in our area and who will be held responsible if someone escapes and will the neighbouring residents will be a target...for all these reasons I oppose increasing the number or even having it on Weymouth Road.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Move the organization to a different area. Business or industrial area.

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Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Juvenile offenders are a whole different group from what the facility is currently housing now I don't think it's a good idea to put it too close to a residential community with young families High chance of increase crimes and vandalism House prices will plummet down Pls don't put a halt on the hard work we are putting to make Weymouth especially waimahia a safer and peaceful place to live in. We are mostly young working families here. Give this place a chance it has so much potential to be a recognized as a "good" suburb putting juveniles here won't help

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

I'm sure there are other facilities that are more isolated or not closer to residential areas Can you put a school instead??

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Supporting documents

pix1.pdf

Attend a hearing

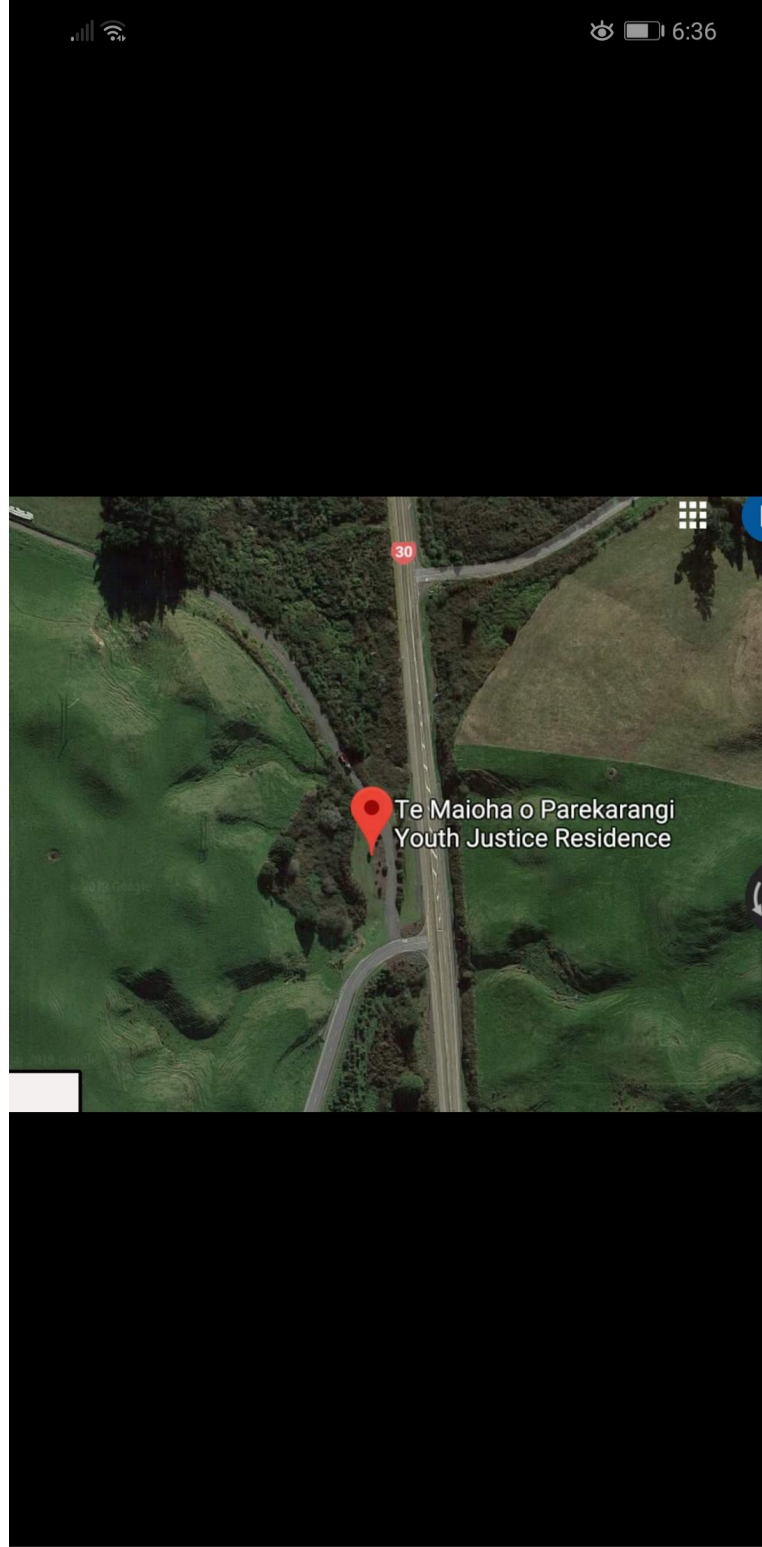
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Yes

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Cindy overberg

Organisation name: Gestalt play therapy

Full name of your agent:

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Contact phone number:

Postal address:

Weymouth
Manakau 2105

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

I deal with vulnerable children who come for therapy, some of these come from broken homes and parents coming here need to feel safe when entering the neighborhood. In addition, I have children of my own who go out and play alongside many other children in the inlet. These children are mostly under ten. Having teenage youth offenders puts our children at risk. We are unaware of what offences they have committed and would not want my female children outside playing if any of these offenders were sexually charged...we are unaware of what offences have been committed and are putting the safety of our children at risk by allowing more offenders into the community.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

To not have the proposed youth facility to be extended to house more youth offenders. To have a guarantee of safety for property, vulnerable children under 10.

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Contact details

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Organisation name:

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Weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

This will not promote safety in our residential community and to my family. The threat of this juvenile youth has been happening in this community since we live here how much more when a juvenile detention will be moved in here.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

Recommendation is to locate the facility to a site where a residential community is a 15kilometers to 20kilometers distance. Similar loacation to the attachment below.

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Supporting documents

Site location.pdf

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

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Contact details

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Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Weymouth
Auckland 2102

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The safety of our neighbourhood is of the utmost importance to our family. The proposed changes would mean there would be undesirable characters frequenting our neighborhood which will affect the safety of our home. This will obviously also have an adverse effect on property prices as well.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Move the proposed facility to a non-residential area.

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Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Full name of your agent:

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10 Kuurae Crescent
weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

The redesignation of the whakatakakopai centre for care and protection of child youth and family to include youth justice and to increase the age limit from 17 to 19 and increase the total number of children from 20 to 30.

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Youth Justice facilities have no place in residential areas, it is reckless and unfair to the existing community to allow a youth justice facility so close to a large residential community. The other 4 facilities in NZ are in isolated non residential areas because of the known negative impact on nearby communities. There has been well documented cases of youth escaping from facilities such as these, which obviously can impact our community in terms of personal safety for ourselves and our children and our properties. The impact this will have on house values and the ability to sell our properties which are close (I live in waimahia inlet) to this facility is also a very significant concern. The communication regarding these proposed changes to these facilities has been very poor and seemingly purposefully misleading and confusing, to the extent the letters were pretty much unreadable and gave the impression this change was a done deal and not a proposal which may sway residents away from making submissions unfairly.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

I urge the council to protect residents of Waimahia inlet and Weymouth in general, to not allow our community to be a dumping ground, and REJECT the proposal to change the whakatakakopai centre for care and protection of child you and family to include youth justice and to increase the age limit from 17 to 19 and increase the total number of children from 20 to 30.

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Jojo Badenas

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Contact phone number:

Postal address:
424 Weymouth Rd
Weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The area are full of families with small children. It is also in the same street as Weymouth Primary School and a Choice kids childcare which is just few steps away.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
We believe that the facility is not suitable for the planned changes

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Shona Ann McCarthy

Organisation name:

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Postal address:

Manurewa
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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

This facility is not secure enough for a Youth Justice Residence

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

This facility will need major security features added to it if it is to be a remand/Youth Justice Facility. This needs to remain as a care and protection facility for the high risk care and protection children we have.

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Mersha Shepherd

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Contact phone number:

Postal address:
20 Taiaapure Street
Weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

My community, friends and family safety, with potential escapes or undesirable visitors as we back onto the property. We are already targeted as a community for crime. This also effect the resale ability of our houses, devalues them. We already have two other prisons in this area.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

No to the proposed changes. If this needs to be done try building a new one in Remiera.

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Sheree Jackson

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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Contact phone number:

Postal address:

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Safety of our community Negative environment for our children who live near by

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

Oppose for the above reasons. Increased crime within our community and inlet Negative occurrences upon neighborhood

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

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Organisation name:

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Weymouth Auckland
2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Weymouth is one of many growing high density residential area of south Auckland with family surroundings. and therefore, instead of increasing the usage of the youth justice facilities, the youth facility should be relocated to more appropriate low density suburbs.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

Do not cramp up a youth help facility. Relocate to bigger space in rural or business setting for the love of the user of the facility, where young people supposed to go to get help working with professional youth workers in a safe environment. Increasing the number of users without adequate facility space and staff in high density urban suburbs is trouble waiting to merge.

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Contact details

Full name of submitter: Ana Hall

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

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34 Tutuwhatu Crescent
Weymouth
Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopakai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
Whakatakakopakai Care and Protection Centre Weymouth Road

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
This is essentially a youth prison within our residential area. There are already 2 prisons down off Roscommon Rd. This facility backs on to my property. I have young grandchildren who play in my backyard. I feel the safety of my family will be compromised, by this facility being changed to house young criminal offenders. What Protection and steps will you take to keep our community safe. The Whakatakakopakai facility is not fit for purpose to house. I would like to know why this facility is being earmarked to be sitting right in the middle of a residential area, close to schools, early childhood centers and busy shopping complex.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
I would like to know why you have chosen this facility to house young criminal offenders. What other recommendations do you have?

Submission date: 19 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

Declaration

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Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Having another prison/ youth prison around our area we find will be a problem for my family & also our neighbourhood. I've recently just had a baby & before even giving birth the noise of the prison that's on Weymouth road (which we are at th back of) after hours we can hear people chatting away loudly & just making a lot of noise at around 10-11pm. Now that I have my baby around it causes stress for myself as my baby wakes up to any little noise. As for my neighbours I know we have a lot of tamarikis in our inlet whom will also agree with me. Ill also feel that it'll be unsafe to have the prison built in or near our inlet as we already have a lot of youths trying to break into cars/houses. & having that prison built near us would attract more burglaries. It's bad enough we pretty much have to deal with it already. I will also do whatever it takes to protect me & my family.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Im not sure

Submission date: 19 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

This is a highly residential area for a facility like this to be in the first place. Increasing the age limit and the number of offenders is obly going to make it worse.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Cancel the changes.

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
Oppose

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
The safety of our children and elderly.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Not safe.

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

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Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

My family of 4 oppose the Notice of Requirement because we just live right next to it and we already have noise issues especially when the gates open for cars at night. And fear of children playing at the backyard right next to prison is really disturbing and worrying our family.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

yes I would like Auckland Council to consider our thoughts and get the youth prison somewhere away from Residential area please.

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
We believe the proposed changes will hinder the peaceful environment in our community and area

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Not to change the existing plan

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

We do not feel safe for our family and community to accommodate more people at Oranaga Tamariki Whakatakakopai Residence at Weymouth Road. We have experienced a lot of crimes in our community already and three correctional facilities in Manurewa is enough please. Let us make use of the facility for a more appropriate use for the new and active community like training centre or place where we can get together and enjoy and not a place we wish to avoid or even get scared of. Weymouth has changed a lot with the establishment of the new community in Waimahia Inlet hence the council should support the growth rather than discouraging the growth by placing a danger in our midst.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

Please do not add people who needs their attitude be corrected beside a community who wish to live a normal peaceful lives. I actually want the facility be transferred somewhere else to keep up to the development of the community.

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

The proposed changes are to allow for 30 people up to 19 years old "Child Protection" and "Youth Justice" right now that facility could hold 20 in the current Youth Justice buildings. Why cant this facility be in Remuera or Ponsonby? Why is it inWeymouth in a community that needs support to uplift the wellbeing of families who live here. We also have a prison right down the road why cant this prison be put in Remuera and other white privileged areas? I oppose the submission because Its location in relation to the residential homes note; all other Youth Justice facilities are in business or rural settings. Concerns were around our safety if a youth justice offender escaped...what is the procedure for this? Will our homes and cars be the first targeted? Our vehicles have been broken into so many times. We already deal with high levels of crime in the Inlet and the recent police stats I got from Intel state in 3 months in our area and surrounding areas 30 mainly car incidents where committed by a youth or they were the suspect. Will we be enduring sirens in the middle of the night? There was also concern around a 14 year old in the same block as a 19 year old and how safe that youth may be...so many things to think about.

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The proposed changes are to allow for 30 people up to 19 years old "Child Protection" and "Youth Justice" right now that facility could hold 20 in the current Youth Justice buildings. Why cant this facility be in Remuera or Ponsonby? Why is it inWeymouth in a community that needs support to uplift the wellbeing of families who live here. We also have a prison right down the road why cant this prison be put in Remuera and other white privileged areas? I oppose the submission because Its location in relation to the residential homes note; all other Youth Justice facilities are in business or rural settings. Concerns were around our safety if a youth justice offender escaped...what is the procedure for this? Will our homes and cars be the first targeted? Our vehicles have been broken into so many times. We already deal with high levels of crime in the Inlet and the recent police stats I got from Intel state in 3 months in our area and surrounding areas 30 mainly car incidents where committed by a youth or they were the suspect. Will we be enduring sirens in the middle of the night?

There was also concern around a 14 year old in the same block as a 19 year old and how safe that youth may be...so many things to think about.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Turn this facility into a positive community space a recreational facility / cultural space a for community to share for events

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
The entire proposal

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
see attached sheet

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
See attached sheet

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Supporting documents
my submission to AKL Council.pdf

Attend a hearing

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Reasons for my Submission Lily Li

Date on 20Mar2019

- 1) The current four Youth Justice Residencies in New Zealand are all located in isolated areas and this makes sense as a youth justice facility is not compatible with an established residential neighbourhood.

The Whakatakapokai residence is in a residential suburban area and 3 years ago there are nearly 300 new homes just built around the site, therefore it is no longer located at the edge of the urban area. It is now not appropriate to increase the scale and intensity of use or change to focus to a youth justice facility centre due to the close proximity of new development. It would be preferable to locate the additional youth justice placements within the existing Korowai Manaaki residence in Wiri (which has been purpose built and located) or construct a new facility in another location away from residential areas.

- 2) To change the using of this site for allowing youth justice placements is totally and utterly irresponsible for whole neighbourhood. Plus, the South Auckland already has a women's prison, a men's prison and a youth justice facility. Adding one more into a suburban residential area is beyond imagination!

- 3) The news of the proposed change in the purpose of using the Whakatakapokai is a bombshell for those of us with homes just adjacent to the site. I personally have never felt so unsafe since we got the letters from the Oranga Tamariki / the Council / the local board.

The introduction of youth justice placements into the facility will result in additional security and safety concerns for my family. For example, the potential for people to escape from the facility is real and the impact of escapees and the general potential danger that the proposal poses to the neighbourhood is significant, particularly given the close proximity of our house to the site. I am also concerned about visitors to the site. The centre will be a continuing cause of stress and anxiety for me and will impact on the amenity of my neighbourhood.

- 4) No one wants to live their life next to a prison. and increased security measures will lead to institutional and utilitarian buildings and features (i.e security fencing and surveillance cameras) that are not compatible with a pleasant residential environment.

We selected our house site when we bought it more than three years ago because it is not only having a north facing aspect, but also there are no houses over the fence, so it gave us a sense of peace and allows us to enjoy the beauty of nature. Apart from some noises from the shift staff at the car park at night, we seldom had any other issues with this Care and Protection Centre over our fence. An increase in the numbers and the allowance of youth justice placements within Whakatakapokai will affect our life forever! We don't want this!!

- 5) More safety issues concerned: due to the change will allow youth justice which is young adult up to 19 years old to stay next door, we feel more threatened. The area already has lots of burglary, car break-in, property damage etc, we really don't want more incidents. Frome Stuff website on date of Oct 22, 2016. There were called police due to 7 boys escaped to the roof and we don't want this drama to happen here! Around 2 year ago on Xmas eve night, I sat in the backyard and a teenager tried to peep in to ours and neighbour's backyard, he quickly disappeared when he realised I was in the backyard. I really don't want experience this again. Or worst-case scenario, some young offenders may jump over the fence into our backyard!
- 6) The increase in the number of people to be accommodated and increase in staff will increase the comings and goings from the site with additional noise impacts on the amenity of neighbours. This means our house will face more noises on the carpark.
- 7) Though currently there is no any physical changes to the site however in the future some additional buildings may be required as per letter from Oranga Tamariki. This will put more uncertainty and worries on to us. Where will these new buildings will be built, how high and how close to us ? I feel our life is affected by this irresponsible changing forever!

The extent of rebuilding potentially allowed by the amended designation is wide, and will enable development much closer to the boundaries of the site adjoining residential development. This will significantly impact on our amenity including a reduction in privacy and increased overlooking and by removing the green space buffers that currently exist on the site the proposed conditions will enable direct overlooking of our property by occupants of the centre and are insufficient to provide for amenity of neighbours

- 8) The use of this site as a youth justice facility will have negative impacts on how I and other see our neighbourhood and live our lives. The increase in security measures such as increased security fencing within the site to accommodate such placements will be incompatible with residential amenity values. It may also affect the house price nearby, therefore there is a potential finance loss.

I seek the following decision from the Court

- That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety.
- That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions
 - That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site.
 - That the exterior fence to the property be added with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.8m of tree landscaping along the fence line.
 - That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained.
 - That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties.
 - That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to 25

The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
I oppose to the changes that will take place in Waimahia Inlet.

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

I didn't move here so my family could live next to a Youth Prison, for the safety of my family and others I Oppose the changes that will take place in Waimahia.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

The decision I seek from Auckland Council be the right decision for the Waimahia Inlet for the families who have suffered enough pain and heartache hence first move in date of their homes with ongoing theft, home invasions, stolen cars, speeding cars due to no speed bumps limited car parks and now you want to put in a Youth Justice. Families moved here for a safer and more quality happier lifestyle and the struggles families have overcome before moving in the inlet was sacrifices to achieve their ultimate goal in moving to the Inlet. Please hear the peoples voices and oppose to having the Youth Prison in the Waimahia Inlet.

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The introduction of youth justice placements into the facility will result in additional security and safety concerns for my family. For example the potential for people to escape from the facility is real and the impact of escapees and the general potential danger that the proposal poses to the neighbourhood is significant, particularly given the close proximity of our houses to the site. I am also concerned about visitors to the site. The centre will be a continuing cause of stress and anxiety for me and will impact on the amenity of my neighbourhood. Many people in the area directly adjoining the site have families and the proposed changes to the centre are not compatible with maintaining a safe and pleasant family environment. There is lack of clarity about who may be accommodated at the centre, particularly the ability of the centre to accommodate people up to 19 years old that have been referred by the court or police. Potentially the entire site will be a youth justice facility/ prison as the proposed changes to the designation will inevitably result in a change in emphasis from care and protection to youth justice placements. There are already 3 prison facilities within the Manurewa area.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
No Changes to the Oranaga Tamariki Whakatakapokai Residence at Weymouth Road.

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

Declaration

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopakai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The proposed facility is close to our Waimahia Inlet housing community and it will impose a great threat for security. We are talking here about Youth Offenders and Criminals wherein the proposed facility is within our neighbourhood. It involves safety and security of our respective family.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

We oppose on the proposed facility. We are against to it. If possible relocate to other area in Auckland.

Submission date: 20 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

I oppose because it will not be a safe environment to build a place where individuals who have committed crimes be so close to residential area. There is a Child, Youth and Family Department on Tamaki Road, Wiri which the new building can be placed away from the main road and residential area. This will create an easier access for a prisoner if he/she will escape. Also, who will be monitoring these if any issues were to happen. We have Weymouth Primary which is down further where our kids attend school will this be safe? How will the council ensure that this will be safe and that all aspects are considered before allowing this to be so close to our area.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

The Auckland Council should consider a different area to build the new department for these young youth. We have around the area a Men Prison, Woman prison also Child, Youth and Family department. We have the Whakatakakopai in Weymouth all facilities are near the area. The safety is my greatest concern for the welfare of my family. I want to continue to live in area and not fear that something will happen within my community due to how close this is to the inlet.

Submission date: 21 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission? No

Declaration

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
Older young people, bigger numbers

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
We feel that the COURTS will have a numbers game by placing unsuitable persons in unsuitable unsecure place.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
There is a secure place and room for these extra and older persons at the establishment Korowai Manaaki Kiwi Tamaki Road

Submission date: 21 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

1.) The location of the facility being close to our residential home. We fear for our safety and security as a family and for the whole community. Specifically in the case if a youth justice offender escapes the facility, our house are directly beside this facility putting us in a very precarious and dangerous position. I fear for our safety especially the safety of my child not to mention this pose as threat to our possessions. This vicinity is already dealing with a notable level of crime i.e. burglary mainly cars and offenders are mostly youth. I cannot emphasize enough the risks this change will cause to our community and honestly, if this happens we will never be at peace and will be constantly worrying about our safety knowing what risks we will exposed to. This will also drastically affect the image and value of the community we live in and surrounding residential neighborhood. Nobody will want to live in close proximity to such facility. The proposal does not adhere to the objectives and policies in B2.8 Social Facilities as it fails to address the effects of the facility to the adjoining residential neighborhood.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

I seek that the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety. Please do not proceed and take this project elsewhere isolated from residents, communities and where it will not pose a danger and concerns to people, families.

Submission date: 22 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

Declaration

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

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Organisation name:

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Auckland 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

1) There are already 3 justice facilities nearby which are suitable for this purpose & this type of facility has no place near a residential site. 2) The waimahia inlet community already have high levels of crime to deal with & we dont need the added stress of having to worry about our safety & home security. 3) Children & adults who live in the inlet & surrounding areas should feel safe when making use of the playgrounds or when visiting other households. 4) The inlet will soon have a childcare centre where security & safety will be a major concern if this type of facility goes ahead. 5) The properties directly next to the fence line have constantly had issues with staff making a ruckus when finishing their shift late at night, more staff can only mean more noise issues for these already affected households. 5) The value of properties will decrease especially those of us who live right next door, we are not a wealthy neighbourhood but we have worked just as hard as anyone else to own our own home in a such a wonderful community. 6) The undesirable types who would be coming back & forth will cause undue stress, why should we have to constantly worry everyday about offenders escaping, this type of facility wouldnt even be considered in Remuera or one of the more affluent suburbs, South Auckland has enough jail type facilities & should not have anymore especially in such close proximity to a residential area full of hard working families. 7) Placing a 19 year old offender anywhere near an already vulnerable under 17 year old just spells disaster for the younger person(s).

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

That the Notice of Requirement be rejected. That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site, keep this residence for the youth who really need this support. That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line. That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained. That any new buildings do not contain windows especially windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties (we value our privacy as much as anyone else & should be free to enjoy our backyard without worrying about prying

eyes) That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to the level currently being accommodated at this site.

Submission date: 22 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

Declaration

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
As a resident of Weymouth and a house owner

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
Not compatible with the whanau way of life, community setup and the bringing up of kids and well being of future generations in terms of positive world perspectives

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
To withdraw WE the proposal and look some where there is more space and privacy to the intended project and Weymouth community which is working so hard to turn and change the standards of living in the area. A lot of positive developments are changing the entire community. This n will derail everything.

Submission date: 23 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Safety is the most important aspect as there is already 3 prison facility in Manurewa. House prices will decrease if prison gets approved. Lack of clarity as who and the age group will be kept at the facility. Security of the facility isn't the best as we live just behind the current facility and the only thing in between us is a tiny fence which therefore means that we may not be able to maintain a safe and family friendly environment. Noise could be a factor as more people would visit resulting in higher staff engagement. Crime rate is already on the high in the area and will increase if we have another prison facility added to the neighborhood.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety. That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site. That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line. That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained. That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties. - That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to ??

Submission date: 23 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
Safety of residents in Weymouth.

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The site is in a residential area. It is close to my home and my place of work- Finlayson Park School. I do not think it is a safe place to keep youth offenders and would like these young adults to be put somewhere else away from any residential area. In the past, youths have escaped from this facility and caused stress and danger to those in the area. The facility does not have the required security needed for youth offenders. Please put it somewhere else as Weymouth has enough problems already.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site.

Submission date: 24 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

Declaration

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

1. We bought this house in Waimahia Inlet 4 months ago & the changes of this will decrease the value of property in this area. We didnt know that time this alteration proposal & if we knew we wont buy this house. This is a major concern for my little family as we moved just 4 months ago having so many hopes for our life. 2. This will increase security risk in our area & we live in less than 300m from this Whakatakapokai & also new additional security will make Weymouth's entry unpleasont. 3. Weymouth (South auckland) has enough correction facilities. Weymouth has a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre too. We fell like all the bad behavior people comes to this area. This Waimahia inlet is the only good area in this south aukland & please dont bring any other corrections facilities to this area. 4. Our kid is just 1 year old & our safety will be at a risk if people escape. 5. We dont want to live closer to a prison (300m) away. 6. Waimahia Inlet Community already deals with a high level of crime including theft & vehicle breaking. 7. There will be more criminals in this area & as we already know South auckland is not a good area to live in, as i said before we came to this Inlet commiunity thinking that it will be safe area to live. Now we are hopeless & very scared. 3.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

1. Usually prisons not in residential areas, it should be away from residential areas. Suggests extending the youth facility in Wiri instead of Whakatakapokai.

Submission date: 24 March 2019

Attend a hearing

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Yes

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

1. This new alterations will decrease property value in Waimahia Inlet properties. 2. This is the only good area to live in South Auckland & with this new correction facility Waimahia Inlet will be a unpleaset & unsecured area. 3. We deeply concerned that the proposal would not be safe for the community or my family. We moved to this home just 4 months ago having so many hopes for our lives. This is our first home & now we have to live closer to a correction facility which is very scared. 4. There will be more criminals in this area rather than a secure facility & also so many corrections facilities in South auckland & as i said before this is the only good residential area in South auckland. Please do not bring new correction facility to this beautiful Waimahia Inlet or closer to it. 5. The proposed changes were never discussed during the purchasing of the house. 6. This could attract friends and family of troubled kids to the area and a subsequent potential increase in theft. 5.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Combine with this Whakapakatokai with the Wiri youth facility.

Submission date: 24 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

- The youth justice placements result in additional security and safety risk for my young family. For example the potential for people to escape from the facility is real and the impact of escapees and the general potential danger that the proposal poses to the neighborhood is significant, particularly given the that we live right next to facility and escapee can easily climb small fence. - I am also concerned about visitors to the site. The centre will be a continuing cause of stress and anxiety for me and will impact on the amenity of my neighbourhood. - I have a young family and the proposed changes to the centre are not compatible with maintaining a safe and pleasant for my family. - There is lack of clarity about who may be accommodated at the centre, particularly the ability of the centre to accommodate people up to 19 years old that have been referred by the court or police. Potentially the entire site will be a youth justice facility/ prison as the proposed changes to the designation will inevitably result in a change in emphasis from care and protection to youth justice placements. - There are already 3 prison facilities within the Manurewa area. The changes proposed to the facility effectively introduce a fourth prison into the suburb. It would be preferable to locate the additional youth justice placements within the existing Korowai Manaaki residence in Wiri (which has been purpose built and located) or construct a new facility in another location away from residential areas. Other youth justice facilities in New Zealand are located away from residential neighbourhoods. A youth justice facility is not compatible with an established residential neighbourhood. - The site is located on the main road into Weymouth. The use of this site as a youth justice facility will have negative impacts on how I and other see our neighbourhood and live our lives. For example we will want to avoid travelling past this site, but will be unable to do so. - I already have issues with noise coming from carpark and children crying noises at night. The increase in the number of people to be accommodated and increase in staff will increase the comings and goings from the site with additional noise impacts on my family. I consider that the proposed changes will have unacceptable adverse effects on the now established character of the neighbourhood centre and the surrounding residential neighbourhood which has changed considerably since the centre was first established. Since the centre was first established intensive residential development has established in close proximity to the centre. It is no longer

located at the edge of the urban area. It is now not appropriate to increase the scale and intensity of use or change to focus to a youth justice facility centre due to the close proximity of new development. The proposed changes to the designation provide no certainty over the design of any new facilities, and increased security measures will lead to institutional and utilitarian buildings and features (i.e security fencing and surveillance cameras) that are not compatible with a pleasant residential environment. - It will have negative impact on my property value as no would want to live right next to a youth jail. This would put me in undue financial stress as this is my first home. I specially bought property knowing that facility next door is not a youth justice but a child protection centre - The notice of requirement is very vague on the extent of new development that may be necessary to accommodate the youth justice placements now and into future. The increase in security measures such as increased security fencing within the site to accommodate such placements will be incompatible with residential amenity values. - The extent of rebuilding potentially allowed by the amended designation is wide, and will enable development much closer to the boundaries of the site adjoining residential development. This will significantly impact on our amenity including a reduction in privacy and increased overlooking and by removing the green space buffers that currently exist on the site This will also exacerbate the security concerns of residents. The proposed conditions will enable direct overlooking of neighbouring properties by occupants of the centre and are insufficient to provide for amenity of neighbours. - The changes in security protocols outlined in section 7.5 of the AEE do not equate to the extent of change that will be allowed under the revised designation. For example in page 20 the AEE states that no physical changes will impact the visual amenity of the residence. The changes proposed to the designation will allow significant changes to the visual amenity of the residence as it could be rebuilt or significantly altered and extended. - The AEE indicates that the change in designation could have moderate to high social impact effects on neighbouring residents. The mitigation proposed for these effects is vague, insufficient and largely flawed given the extent of change and redevelopment allowed. The community liaison committee is required to be established for too short a period to have any long term effect. - The use of the site as a centre for youth justice placements is an inefficient use of valuable residential land that is appropriately zoned for housing. - I consider that the Proposed Development fails to achieve the objectives and policies of the Auckland Unitary Plan ("Plan"). For example (but not limited to) the proposal does not sufficiently provide for the health and safety of the neighbouring community. This is contrary to the B2.3.1.(3) which requires the health and safety of people and communities to be promoted. - The proposal is not consistent with the objectives and policies in B2.8 Social facilities as it fails to address the effects of facility on the adjoining residential neighbourhood. - The proposal is not consistent with the objectives and policies of Mixed Housing Suburban Zone particularly those that provide for residential amenity (H4.2(3)) and those requiring non-residential activities to be compatible with the scale and intensity of development anticipated in the zone (H4.2(4)). - The proposal is not necessary to meet the objectives of the Minister because the location of the site is not suitable for youth justice placements given the close proximity of residential development. -It does not promote the sustainable management of resources in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA") or otherwise achieve its purpose; - It is not consistent with section 7 of the RMA as overall, it is not an efficient use of land and fails to maintain or enhance amenity values.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

- That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety. - That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions - That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site. - That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line. - That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained. - That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighboring residential properties. - That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to 20

Submission date: 25 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

Declaration

I accept and agree that:

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Submission on a requirement for a designation or an alteration to a designation subject to full or limited notification

Sections 168A, 169, 181, 189A, 190, and 195A of the Resource Management Act 1991
FORM 21



Send your submission to unitaryplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or post to :

Attn: Planning Technician
Auckland Council
Level 24, 135 Albert Street
Private Bag 92300
Auckland 1142

For office use only
Submission No:
Receipt Date:

Submitter details

Full Name or Name of Agent (if applicable)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms(Full Name)

Raewyn Sylvia Bell

Organisation Name (if submission is made on behalf of Organisation)

Address for service of Submitter

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Contact Person: (Name and designation if applicable)

This is a submission on a notice of requirement:

By: Name of Requiring Authority

Minister for Children

For: A new designation or alteration to an existing designation (describe)

3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre – Upper North currently known as Whakatakakopai

The specific parts of the above notice of requirement that my submission relates to are: (give details):

The entire proposal

My submission is:

In support of the notice of requirement

In opposition to the notice of Requirement

Neutral [include box]

The reasons for my views are:

See attached sheet

Very opposed to this notice of requirement, as I have lived in this community for 35 years and remember all the problems we had in Weymouth when this facility was used as a 'Youth Justice Facility' during the late 80's + early 90's. At the time

it should have been a 'Care and Protection' facility. Also the community was living in fear most of the time due to the large numbers absconding from the Centre. A Youth Prison is not suitable to be placed in our residential area close to schools and houses as the community will not feel safe. (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

I seek the following recommendation or decision from the Council (give precise details including the general nature of any conditions sought).

See attached sheet

That the Notice of requirement be rejected in its entirety - No change.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

R. Bell

Signature of Submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

22 March 2019

Date

Notes to person making submission:

If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use Form 16B.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the person who gave the notice of requirement as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the Council (unless the Council itself, as requiring authority, gave the notice of requirement) ckirman@ellisgould.co.nz *

If your submission relates to a notice of requirement for a designation or alteration to a designation and you are a trade competitor of the requiring authority, you may make a submission only if you are directly affected by an effect of the activity to which the requirement relates that:

- (a) Adversely affects the environment, and
- (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

* Minister for Children
C/- Ellis Gould Lawyers
PO Box 1509
Shortland Street
Auckland 1140
Att Dr Clair Kirman

The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

Contact details

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Manukau 2103

Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The location of the Whakatakakopai are near residential homes whilst other Youth Justice systems are near rural areas or businesses. I live directly behind the CYFS (current) building in the Waimahia Inlet. We have been living here for three years and bought it through Housing Foundation. As a home owner I am worried as I live directly behind the facility regarding the safety of my children there are no real secure fencing behind our house so my kids wont be able to play and do normal things outside because it will be unsafe for them. I want to feel safe and secure in my own home due to husband being at work for 12-15hours a day. We already deal with high levels of crime in the Inlet and the recent police stats we got from Intel state in 3 months in our area and surrounding areas 30 mainly car incidents where committed by a youth or they were the suspect. I am aware that the proposed Youth Justice facility will greatly impact our house value and if we were to sell the property, no one would want to buy next to a prison.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

This should go through the Environmental court process and that the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety. OR That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions - That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site. - That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line. - That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained. - That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties. - That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to 15

Submission date: 25 March 2019

Supporting documents
Additional reason (1).pdf

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

Declaration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF A REQUIREMENT FOR A DESIGNATION OR AN ALTERATION TO A DESIGNATION

Kegan & Casey Lauina, 18 Taiaapure Street, Waimahia.

Monday 25 March 2019

This additional explanation is part of my submission.

The reasons for my views are:

- The introduction of youth justice placements into the facility will result in additional security and safety concerns for my family. For example the potential for people to escape from the facility is real and the impact of escapees and the general potential danger that the proposal poses to the neighbourhood is significant, particularly given the close proximity of our houses to the site. I am also concerned about visitors to the site. The centre will be a continuing cause of stress and anxiety for me and will impact on the amenity of my neighbourhood.
- Many people in the area directly adjoining the site have families and the proposed changes to the centre are not compatible with maintaining a safe and pleasant family environment.
- There is lack of clarity about who may be accommodated at the centre, particularly the ability of the centre to accommodate people up to 19 years old that have been referred by the court or police. Potentially the entire site will be a youth justice facility/ prison as the proposed changes to the designation will inevitably result in a change in emphasis from care and protection to youth justice placements.
- There are already 3 prison facilities within the Manurewa area. The changes proposed to the facility effectively introduce a fourth prison into the suburb. It would be preferable to locate the additional youth justice placements within the existing Korowai Manaaki residence in Wiri (which has been purpose built and located) or construct a new facility in another location away from residential areas. Other youth justice facilities in New Zealand are located away from residential neighbourhoods. A youth justice facility is not compatible with an established residential neighbourhood.
- The site is located on the main road into Weymouth. The use of this site as a youth justice facility will have negative impacts on how I and other see our neighbourhood and live our lives. For example we will want to avoid travelling past this site, but will be unable to do so.
- Noise is currently generated by people on the site including when staff shifts change. The increase in the number of people to be accommodated and increase in staff will increase the comings and goings from the site with additional noise impacts on the amenity of neighbours.
- I consider that the proposed changes will have unacceptable adverse effects on the now established character of the neighbourhood centre and the surrounding residential neighbourhood which has changed considerably since the centre was first established. Since the centre was first established intensive residential development has established in close proximity to the centre. It is no longer located at the edge of the urban area. It is now not appropriate to increase the scale and intensity of use or change to focus to a youth justice facility centre due to the close proximity of new development. The proposed changes to the designation provide no certainty over the design of any new facilities, and increased

security measures will lead to institutional and utilitarian buildings and features (i.e security fencing and surveillance cameras) that are not compatible with a pleasant residential environment.

- The notice of requirement is very vague on the extent of new development that may be necessary to accommodate the youth justice placements now and into future. The increase in security measures such as increased security fencing within the site to accommodate such placements will be incompatible with residential amenity values.
- The extent of rebuilding potentially allowed by the amended designation is wide, and will enable development much closer to the boundaries of the site adjoining residential development. This will significantly impact on our amenity including a reduction in privacy and increased overlooking and by removing the green space buffers that currently exist on the site This will also exacerbate the security concerns of residents. The proposed conditions will enable direct overlooking of neighbouring properties by occupants of the centre and are insufficient to provide for amenity of neighbours.
- The changes in security protocols outlined in section 7.5 of the AEE do not equate to the extent of change that will be allowed under the revised designation. For example in page 20 the AEE states that no physical changes will impact the visual amenity of the residence. The changes proposed to the designation will allow significant changes to the visual amenity of the residence as it could be rebuilt or significantly altered and extended.
- The AEE indicates that the change in designation could have moderate to high social impact effects on neighbouring residents. The mitigation proposed for these effects is vague, insufficient and largely flawed given the extent of change and redevelopment allowed. The community liaison committee is required to be established for too short a period to have any long term effect.
- The use of the site as a centre for youth justice placements is an inefficient use of valuable residential land that is appropriately zoned for housing.
- I consider that the Proposed Development fails to achieve the objectives and policies of the Auckland Unitary Plan ("Plan"). For example (but not limited to) the proposal does not sufficiently provide for the health and safety of the neighbouring community. This is contrary to the B2.3.1.(3) which requires the health and safety of people and communities to be promoted.
- The proposal is not consistent with the objectives and policies in B2.8 Social facilities as it fails to address the effects of facility on the adjoining residential neighbourhood.
- The proposal is not consistent with the objectives and policies of Mixed Housing Suburban Zone particularly those that provide for residential amenity (H4.2(3)) and those requiring nonresidential activities to be compatible with the scale and intensity of development anticipated in the zone (H4.2(4)).
- The proposal is not necessary to meet the objectives of the Minister because the location of the site is not suitable for youth justice placements given the close proximity of residential development.
- It does not promote the sustainable management of resources in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA") or otherwise achieve its purpose;
- It is not consistent with section 7 of the RMA as overall, it is not an efficient use of land and fails to maintain or enhance amenity values.

I seek the following decision from the Court

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 - That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained.
 - That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties.
 - That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to??

The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

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Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakapokai)

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As attached

Submission date: 25 March 2019

Supporting documents
Submission on Whakatakakapokai 25 Mar 2019.pdf

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

Declaration

I accept and agree that:

- by taking part in this public submission process that my submission (including personal details, names and addresses) will be made public,
- I or we must serve a copy of the submission on the person who gave the notice of requirement as soon as reasonably practicable after submitting to Auckland Council.

Submission on Oranga Tamariki, Weymouth

1. My name is Dene Andre. I am a local Weymouth resident.
2. I am making this submission on behalf of:
 - Dene Andre, myself;
 - Dr. Alageswary Vasanthi Andre, my wife;
 - Fred Buck, 34 Settlers Cove. Weymouth; and
 - The Weymouth Residents and Ratepayers Association
3. We support the current designation for Whakatakāpokai. We oppose the proposed change.
4. Our reasons are set out below. I present such reasons in a first person format for the sake of ease and convenience. These views represent the thoughts and opinions of all persons on whose behalf I make this submission.

I support Care and Protection

5. I understand and support the need for Care and Protection of vulnerable children. I do not agree that the current systems is necessarily the best system for providing Care and Protection.
6. Am I alone in my views? No.
7. Children's Commissioner Judge Andrew Becroft, in his report **State of Care: A focus on Oranga Tamariki's secure residences**, says *"For the care and protection residences, it may be we should consider phasing them out. I think the tide has gone out on that sort of approach. We need smaller, securer, well-supervised community-based residences."*
8. Nevertheless, I am happy with the current centre, at its current location, continuing with the same kind of work it has been doing in the last decade or so, though I would like to see it phased out over time in favour of a more community and kinship based approach.

My Background

9. I was born an unwanted child and experienced child neglect that left me with life-long adverse effects. I feel a great deal of empathy for, and identify with, children thrust into a position of need that is not of their own making. There but for the grace of god go I.
10. I am familiar with youth justice and youth offenders. My eldest brother was a youth offender who made his living dealing in drugs and committing crimes. He was also a bully and frequently violent, especially towards me.
11. I have lived in Manurewa virtually all of my life and worked in Weymouth since the late 1980's. I currently reside at the end of Weymouth Road. My family arrived in Manurewa in 1902.
12. I am a qualified Political Scientist with years of experience working with communities to make their views known. Community views are a matter of National Importance.

How the Current Proposal Affects Me

13. The current proposal for Whakatakāpokai directly affects my life and that of my wife (and not in a good way).
14. I live and work in the Weymouth area.
15. My mail is held at the Clendon Post Shop where I have a PO Box. The Clendon Town Centre is less than half a Km from Whakatakāpokai as the crow flies and around .73 of a km by road. So I am often in close vicinity to Whakatakāpokai.

16. My wife and I each pass by the front entrance of Whakatakāpokai almost every day. Traffic volume data indicates that I am only one of a thousand people that pass by the centre each hour with an average daily total of 15,000 cars per day approx. <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/unitary-plan/auckland-unitary-plan-modifications/docs/designation3800/whakatakāpokai-transportation-assessment-report.pdf>

The immediately Impacted Community and the Wider Community

17. Whakatakāpokai is located in Counties-Manukau area, broadly within a 25 square kilometre block that includes Clendon North and South, Burbank, Rowandale, Homai West and East, Manurewa Central, Hillpark, Wiri and Manukau Central. I consider this the immediately impacted community.
18. Standard practice at the centre sees children from the centre making trips out into this community for shopping, for girls to go out and get their nails and hair done, and trips to generally help residents assimilate into the communities in which they will live out the rest of their lives.
19. There is also a “wider impacted community”, one which follows the boundaries of the Council’s Manukau and Manurewa–Papakura Wards (extending from Mangere Bridge and Otahuhu in the north, to Otara and Flat Bush in the east, and to Papakura and Hingaia in the south).

How do we know that the proposal is really for a youth prison?

20. At no time before now was Whakatakāpokai ever envisaged by the community as a youth prison. The agreement the Crown has with the community is that this is to be a Care and Protection facility with up to 20 beds and an age ceiling of 16. This is what the current designation provides for.
21. So how do we know this is really going to be a youth prison? It says so on page 18 of the Notice of Requirement (NOR) at the bottom of the page. There it states:
22. The proposed future site will operate:

- *A Youth Justice residence comprising:*

Providing for up to 20 children/tamariki or young people/rangatahi up to and including the age of 19. The amended designation would allow for this to grow to 24 (or up to 30 in the event that the Care and Protection hub is relocated) if additional accommodation is built.

Oranga Tamariki Residence 398 Weymouth Road | Notice of Requirement and Assessment of Environmental Effects – page 18 bottom of page

23. In plain English, that’s a Youth prison.
24. Judge Andre Becroft, shares the view that Youth Justice Residences resemble youth prisons.

The residences are bleak and prison-like, Children's Commissioner Judge Andrew Becroft wrote in his introduction to the report.

"Make no mistake: the youth justice residences look like prisons - youth prisons.

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2017/05/youth-residences-violent-bleak-and-prison-like-children-s-commission.html>

25. You will note that the proposal provides for relocation of the Care and Protection Hub, in which event there will be up to 30 young persons in the Youth Justice residence.
26. In my view it is highly likely that the Care and Protection aspect of the centre will continue to move to community based care, in which case Whakatakopokai will become exclusively a Youth Prison located in the heart of our urban area.
27. I accept that this is a worst case scenario but in my view it is also the most likely outcome given the current state of Care and Protection Services and the trend towards community-based, kinship based care.

What does my community think of the proposal and what is the relevance of this?

28. My wife and I are opposed to the proposal as are Fred Buck and the Weymouth Residents and Ratepayers Association. In fact, every person in the community that I have spoken to about the Crown's application for a new designation for Whakatakopokai has spoken against that application.
29. The Waimahia Residents Association opposes the application. They met with the Weymouth Residents and Ratepayers Association to discuss their opposition and enlist help and support for their opposition to it. In my view, the Waimahia Residents are angry and feel betrayed that the Crown is now endeavouring to establish a Youth Prison right next door to their new homes.
30. The Weymouth Residents and Ratepayers Association is opposed to the proposal. The Association fought the Crown when it first tried to run Youth Justice Services from the centre (see below for further details).
31. Community Views are a matter of national importance. I wrote a submission to the Environment Court on this matter for the SH20 Waterview Connection appeals. That submission was accepted by all parties and was not challenged in any way.
32. The Government has applied for a change of designation before properly seeking community views.

What will happen to my Community if you put a Youth prison in the middle of it?

33. What will happen to my Community if you put a Youth prison in the middle of it? I can list these effects and I have the language and skills to explain these effects. There will be
 - Traffic effects
 - Lighting effects
 - Acoustic/Noise effects
 - Construction effects
 - Open space effects
 - Visual amenity effects

... and property values will drop and it will become difficult to sell.
34. Inevitably, there will be escapees and runaways. When that happens the risks escalate. An expanded list of effects, whether actual or potential, will then include:
 - Trespass
 - Theft of clothing (especially from washing lines)

- Theft of fruit and vegetables
 - Break-ins and burglaries
 - Car thefts
 - Threats and intimidation (verbal assaults)
 - Assaults
 - Potential for stabbings and murder
 - Potential for sexual assaults and rapes (young offenders raging with hormones)
 - Shoplifting
 - Vandalism
 - Driving offences (usually with a stolen vehicle)
35. The Department of Corrections acknowledges that there are escapes from NZ prisons. They classify the types of escape, admit there is a level of escape, and detail procedures for dealing with escapes.
36. No matter what security is provided at Whakatakapokai as a youth prison, I consider that it is reasonable to conclude that there will be escapes.
37. Escapes cannot be avoided completely and nor can they be remedied or adequately mitigated.

What is the existing agreement that I, and my community, have with the Crown?

38. We have an agreement with the Crown that the land at Whakatakapokai shall be used for Care and Protection purposes and that there shall be no Youth Justice Services located there.
39. How did we get to this agreement? Well, at every stage of development at 398 Weymouth Road (now called Whakatakapokai) our community has negotiated with the Crown over the nature and scope of activities to take place at the centre.
40. At every stage of change, we have participated strongly and made our views known. You will, however, find no mention of this in the summary of History provided by Beca Carter.
41. At the beginning, the land comprising Whakatakapokai was Crown land held under the Housing Act 1955 for State Housing purposes. This fact in of itself represents a statement of intent for the use of the land.
42. At that time the site was located in an area that is best described as rural or semi-rural.
43. In 1967 it was agreed that the centre should be a Girl's Training Centre and that's what it became.
44. Subsequently the use of the centre changed significantly and its purposes expanded to include youth justice and accommodated boys as well as girls. The Crown engaged in this expansion without community agreement and, indeed, without Council approval.
45. In 1992, Council took the matter to the Planning Tribunal. The Planning Tribunal found that the use of the centre as a youth justice facility was a breach of the designation and that an agreed use of the site as a Girls Training Centre did not authorise the use of the site for males.
46. Subsequent to the Tribunal's finding, The Minister of Social Welfare sought an alteration to the designation. The Weymouth Residents and Ratepayers Association fought the application. The Crown negotiated a new agreement and this included a sunset clause for the provision of Youth Justice at the centre and a series of restrictive conditions.

Was the Sunset Clause ever Rescinded or does it Remain in Force?

47. The sunset clause is an agreement by the Crown that Youth Justice Services at the centre would cease by an agreed date. When the Crown agreed to this clause, they gave up any right, or potential right, they might have to provide Youth Justice Services at Whakatakāpokai. Beyond the “sunset date”, those rights ceased to exist.
48. In 2002 the Crown applied for a new designation and this is the designation in place today. It was granted on the basis that the sunset clause was observed and obeyed. The new designation reflected the fact that Whakatakāpokai became dedicated solely to Care and Protection services.
49. In applying for the new designation, the previous designation was rescinded. The Crown appears to have assumed that the Sunset Clause was also rescinded but there is no evidence to suggest this is the case. Indeed, since the sunset clause was put in place in part to resolve the opposition by the Weymouth Residents and Ratepayers Association, I don't see how the clause could be rescinded without agreement by the Association and, as a Committee Member of the current Association making this submission on behalf of the Association, I know that the Association did not, would not and does not agree to that.
50. So the sunset clause remains in force and is still binding on the Crown.
51. I acknowledge that the Crown does have the right to seek a new designation and is entitled to act on the basis that it has that right.
52. I say that what it does not have, is a right to provide Youth Justice Services at Whakatakāpokai, even supposing a new designation is granted.

The Crown has a further agreement with the people of Weymouth that when the land at Whakatakāpokai is no longer suitable for Care and Protection Purposes than it shall be turned into Residential Housing.

53. The existence of the Waimahia Inlet subdivision is proof of our agreement. Let us consider the facts that lead to this conclusion.
54. At the time the project for Waimahia Inlet development was conceived, the sunset clause was well known and the matter of Youth Justice Services at Whakatakāpokai was settled such that there would be no Youth Justice Services provided there. In compliance with the sunset clause, the new designation had been granted on the basis that the centre would provide Care and Protection Services only.
55. In 2006, the Government decided that Whakatakāpokai contained land that was surplus to requirement for community care purposes and that there was a great need for affordable housing. So the Government made a large portion of the previous Crown land available for sale as a site for affordable housing.
56. Child Youth and Family sold off a portion of that land to a partnership between the Crown, Tāmaki Makaurau Collective and three community housing providers (Auckland and Onehunga Hostels Endowment Trust; Housing Foundation Limited; and, Community of Refuge Trust) to develop affordable housing.
57. It is reasonable to conclude that the purchasers would never have bought the land for housing if they had expected Whakatakāpokai to become a Youth Prison.
58. It is further reasonable to conclude that they were well aware of the sunset clause and bought the land in the expectation that they would build their new subdivision next to a Care and Protection Facility (and not next to a Youth Prison).

59. The Minister for Housing agreed to provide an initial seed fund to scope out the project. The outcome of this proposal led to the approval of \$29 million of government funding, with an agreement that 60% of the development would be provided for social and affordable housing.

<http://www.makinghomeshappen.co.nz/a-vision-for-special-housing-areas-waimahia-inlet/>

60. The subdivision was built as a Special Housing Area. Once the project was declared a Special Housing Area it was fast tracked. It was the first ever consent lodged with Auckland Council's Housing Project Office under the Unitary Plan.
61. Thus, the Waimahia Inlet subdivision was built adjacent to Whakatakopokai. Today Waimahia Inlet is a thriving subdivision consisting of 290 homes on an area comprising 16 hectares and it sits right next door to Whakatakopokai.
62. A total of \$120 million was invested into the Waimahia Inlet subdivision in the expectation that Whakatakopokai would no longer provide Youth Justice Services and would continue as a Care and Protection facility.
63. Since then the community has built up around the site. Whakatakopokai is now located in the heart of a densely populated community complete with schools and a play centre, which is about to open.
64. Do you think that if the Crown had said to the developers that they would turn Whakatakopokai into a Youth Prison that any reasonable person would have wanted to build there or live there? I think not.
65. As noted earlier, the existence of Waimahia Inlet is proof of our agreement that when the land at Whakatakopokai is no longer suitable for Care and Protection purposes than it shall be turned into residential housing.
66. In addition to the foregoing, as it stands, the proposal is an inefficient use of valuable residential land that is appropriately zoned for housing.
67. It is, after all, land that was acquired under the Housing Act 1955 for State Housing purposes.
68. The proposal is not consistent with section 7 of the RMA as overall, it is not an efficient use of land and fails to maintain or enhance amenity values (see section 79 onwards for further explanation of this).

Consultation for The Social Impact Assessment is inadequate and could not possibly meet the test of Genuine Consultation

69. The Social Impact Assessment (SIA) as undertaken could not possibly meet the test of consultation as derived from *Wellington International Airport Limited and others v Air New Zealand* [1993] whereby consultation is concluded to mean (and I paraphrase):
- Sufficient information
 - Sufficient time; and
 - Genuine consideration
70. Notice of the proposal was sent out late with tight time-frames for responses. The distribution of notice was very limited.
71. The geographical scope of the assessment was limited to houses located within 500 metres of the site. In some instances houses on one side of the road received notices whereas those on the other side did not. Some adjoining properties did not receive letters.
72. Detail contained within the notice is not in plain English and is convoluted and confusing, especially to residents with a relatively limited education.

73. Thus, in my view, the Social Impact Assessment provided by the applicant is inadequate.
74. I am not criticising the people who undertook the assessment, they were working to a narrow brief and undoubtedly undertook their work in a professional manner.

The Environmental Impact Assessment concludes there will be no significant adverse effects of the proposal but the Social Impact Assessment says there will be

75. Form 18 Notice of Requirement by Minister for Children for Alteration of Designation Sections 181 Resource Management Act 1991 states on page 3 that, *“The effects that the proposed project will have on the environment, and the ways in which any adverse effects will be mitigated, are: The proposal will have no significant adverse effects.”*
76. The Social Impact Assessment, on the other hand, says *“The SIA concludes that there is the potential for high adverse impact on sense of place and how people live their lives, for local residents and for residents in wider Weymouth.”* *Oranga Tamariki Residence 398 Weymouth Road | Notice of Requirement and Assessment of Environmental Effects p22*
77. Given what I know about the project, my view is that the SIA is more likely to be right and that there will be significant adverse effects of this proposal. In fact, I have already provided an overview of expected adverse effects.
78. The AEE indicates that the change in designation could have moderate to high social impact effects on neighbouring residents. The mitigation proposed for these effects is vague, insufficient and largely flawed given the extent of change and redevelopment allowed.

Will the Proposed development for Whakatakopokai meet the Objectives and Policies of the Auckland Unitary Plan and will it improve the liveability of Weymouth?

79. The declared purpose of the Auckland Plan is to improve the liveability of Auckland.

Auckland’s time has come. We now have a shared vision to be the world’s most liveable city and, for the first time, a single comprehensive plan to deliver this vision – the Auckland Plan

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/docsaucklandplan/aucklandplanenglish.pdf>

80. I consider that the Proposed Development fails to achieve the objectives and policies of the Auckland Unitary Plan (“Auckland Plan” or “Plan”).
81. As previously stated, the proposal is not consistent with section 7 of the RMA as overall, it is not an efficient use of land and fails to maintain or enhance amenity values.
82. To decide whether the proposal will maintain or enhance amenity values and to decide whether the proposal for Whakatakopokai will improve the liveability of our part of Auckland, Weymouth, we need to ask a relevant series of questions. Key questions to ask and help us decide include the following:
- Will it make our neighbourhood a safer, more attractive and more desirable location?
 - Will it provide us better access to community centres, adequate local retail, community amenities and quality public parks?

- Will it make the street network surrounding our school sites more highly connected and will we get lower levels of traffic to create safe, short, and direct walking or cycling trips for our school children?
- Will it offer our neighbourhood increased connectivity for increasing walking?
- Will it provide more route choices, more direct routes and good proximity to core destinations?

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- Will it improve traffic flows?
- Will it improve the visual amenity of the area?
- Will it improve the practical and physical amenity of the area?

83. The answer to all of the above seems to be no. Accordingly, it will not improve the liveability of Weymouth and, in our view, is far more likely to actively decrease our liveability.
84. For example (but not limited to) the proposal does not sufficiently provide for the health and safety of the neighbouring community. This is contrary to the B2.3.1.(3) which requires the health and safety of people and communities to be promoted.
85. The proposal is also not consistent with the objectives and policies of Mixed Housing Suburban Zone particularly those that provide for residential amenity (H4.2(3)) and those requiring non-residential activities to be compatible with the scale and intensity of development anticipated in the zone (H4.2(4)).
86. From this, I conclude that the proposal is contrary to the purposes and principles of the Auckland Plan.

Given the Alternatives, and Given Agreements entered into by the Crown, is the Proposal necessary to meet the Objectives of the Minister?

87. Before an application for change of designation is lodged with the Court, an assessment of alternatives should be undertaken. This assessment should adequately and responsibly consider the significance and size of adverse effects on the people, and communities affected. In particular, whether the adverse effects can be avoided, remedied or mitigated better at an alternative site, such as at Korowai Manaaki in Kiwi Tamaki Road.
88. So we must ask the question, has the Minister adequately assessed alternative sites or methods of undertaking the work? And has the Minister adequately weighed the impact of adverse effects upon the environment, including upon immediate neighbours and the wider community, especially in terms of the anticipated adverse effects? (both actual and potential)
89. A consideration of alternatives can be ongoing and typically will be undertaken prior to any notification of proposed change of purpose (of Whakatakapokai). It is also relevant to consider whether the actual or potential adverse effects would arise at an alternative site such as at Korowai Manaaki in Kiwi Tamaki Road, Wiri.
90. I say that the proposal is not necessary to meet the objectives of the Minister because the location of the site is not suitable for youth justice placements given the close proximity of residential development, especially given agreements entered into with the community by the Crown.
91. I say that the proposal is not necessary to meet the objectives of the Minister because the Crown has already given up any right it may have had to locate Youth Justice Facilities at Whakatakapokai. That right, or those rights, expired on the sunset date.

92. I also say that the proposal does not promote the sustainable management of resources in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 (“RMA”) or otherwise achieve its purpose;

What other deficiencies are there with the proposal?

93. For a Youth Justice Facility to run successfully, the Crown must address the:

- potential for chronic staffing woes;
- sufficiency of resources to secure its juvenile prison, even in the event of a change of government and a change in funding priorities;
- dysfunction arising as a result of rampant turnover, staffing shortages and budgetary constraints (which appear to be common flaws with juvenile prisons in other countries);
- staffing levels frequently falling out of compliance with required ratios; and
- an influx of young offenders who will not be tried as adults.

94. The proposal does not adequately address these matters.

95. In fact, the application provides insufficient detail on the means of security and level of security to be provided at the facility or whether such security is to be provided at all. The Crown says *“the proposed new designation will involve only minor works to enhance some security features and internal work within the Wharenui to make it suitable...”* Notice of Requirement and Assessment of Environmental Effects Prepared for The Minister for Children, 22 February 2019 - Page 6 para 10

96. The notice of requirement is very vague on the extent of new development that may be necessary to accommodate the Youth Justice placements now and into the future. The increase in security measures such as increased security fencing within the site to accommodate such placements will be incompatible with residential amenity values.

97. The extent of rebuilding potentially allowed by the amended designation is wide, and will enable development much closer to the boundaries of the site adjoining residential development.

98. The changes proposed to the designation will allow significant changes to the visual amenity of the residence as it could be rebuilt or significantly altered and extended.

99. The community liaison committee is required to be established for too short a period to have any long-term effect. The committee will also lack any statutory weight and power. The current community liaison committee is not permitted to disclose to the community any matter discussed by that committee, which rather defeats the purpose of community liaison. The requirement of the Trust is that discussions undertaken are confidential and are not to be made available to the community at large.

What decision do I want the Court to make?

100. I seek the following decision from the Court

1. That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety.
2. That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions: That
 - A. A sunset clause be put in place for Whakatakapokai.
 - B. No youth justice placements are accommodated on the site.
 - C. Whakatakapokai continues to separate out Youth Justice from Care and Protection Services due to the significantly different client groups and their complex needs.
 - D. The age of residents be limited to a maximum of 15 years old.
 - E. Residents accommodated at Whakatakapokai be limited to safe, non-criminal backgrounds.

- F. Alternative facilities be located at an expanded Youth Justice Residence, Korowai Manaaki, in Kiwi Tamaki Road, Wiri. The expanded care and protection facility shall be purpose-built to meet the welfare, education and health needs currently proposed for Whakatakopokai.
- G. The exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close-boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line.
- H. No new buildings to be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained.
- I. Any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties.
- J. The maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to 20 (as currently agreed with the community).

Dene André

Dated at Auckland

25 March 2019

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The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

As the information received does not outline any risks or opportunities for both these young people or our community.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

I would like for the Whakatakakapokai to share to us the residents their policies and procedures for this space in regards to the alterations for both the young people in care and in Youth Justice. I would like to view their Risk Management plan regarding in the likelihood if youths were to escape from these premises. I would like to know 'why' these changes are coming into effect and the purpose that it serves. I would like to know if council has the mandate to change the residence to a place held for Youth Justice

Submission date: 25 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

Declaration

I accept and agree that:

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The reason for my or our views are:
Safety and location of facility - more detail in supporting document

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
For it to be a processing facility for care and protection children/young people.

Submission date: 25 March 2019

Supporting documents
Additional Information for submission - Scott Douglas.pdf

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Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission? No

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In regards to the designation change Whakatakopokai Care and Protection Facility Weymouth

The change in designation is a frightening one for me and my family,

The facility is no longer situated in a vast field and is now a dense residential area, there are no other Youth Justice Facilities in or near urban development. In the Manuwera area we also have three other corrections facilities.

The level of security that a change in designation would require would be unsightly to the community, with the potential to house 30 19 year old offenders this would greatly diminish our property value and bring the morale of the community down, something we as a community have been trying for 4 years to raise.

There is a new development of nearly 300 family homes with up to 40 homes backing directly onto the Whakatakopokai facility I am concerned for these families who will have to deal with noise, and potentially trespassers if there was an escape.

I work hard for what I have and I have been the target of attempted car theft (as well as many other residents who have had their cars broken into and many stolen) to increase the age and number of people in care at Whakatakopokai worries me if there was an escapee our properties / cars could be the target for their escape method.

I have a young family and I don't want danger to come to them because of visitors to whakatakopokai

I am concerned about the facility being able to have Care and Protection children as well as Youth Justice adults in the same place given the recent government reports explaining the abuse that has occurred the children / young people in care.

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Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

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I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

I strongly oppose the introduction of the Youth and Justice facility and request that it can remain as a Care & Protection facility as it is currently operating - no increase in numbers of residents staying there, and no increase in age of residents staying there.

Submission date: 25 March 2019

Supporting documents

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION Lynette Douglas.pdf

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REQUIREMENT FOR A DESIGNATION OR AN ALTERATION TO A DESIGNATION

Name Lynette Douglas

Date 25th March 2019

This additional explanation is part of my submission.

The reasons for my views are:

Safety of community:

We moved into the Waimahia Inlet 4 years ago. It is currently a family friendly neighbourhood with lots of young families, young children. I have huge concerns with the proposed increase in numbers of residents staying in the facility as it is directly backing onto properties of our community, and also the increase of age of the residents. I have huge concerns for the safety of my family, and our neighbourhood. The fact that there have already been residents that have tried to escape the facility in the past, terrifies me with more residents and increase of age that this might happen more regularly, and this potentially is a huge danger and risk to our homes that are within close proximity to the facility. With the increase of age

I am also concerned about the visitors that will be coming to the site. This is causing stress and anxiety for me, knowing the people that could potentially be coming into my neighbourhood.

We have a number of parks which I fear for the children's safety as it is so close to the facility. Also it is so close to two childcare centres – 250 meters from Choice kids, and 600 meters of the new Early Discoveries centre. Surely this is illegal to place a youth justice facility (prison) this close to childcare centres. I am looking into putting my 2 year old in a childcare centre and am thinking twice about putting him in these two because of the close vicinity of the proposed youth justice facility. The use of this site as a youth justice facility will have negative impacts on how I and others see our neighbourhood live our lives. For example we will want to avoid travelling past this site, but will be unable to do so.

I am concerned that there will be escapees, trespassing, theft, break ins and burglaries, assaults, potential for murder, sexual assaults and rapes, shop lifting, and vandalism. With the increased risk of these happening with these proposed changes I do not feel safe living here with a 6 year old, 2 year old and another one on the way.

Safety of residents at the facility:

I have huge concerns of how it can be safe to add older teenagers up to the age of 19 in the same facility as younger ones. They will be a bad influence, and with the recent government reports showing how much abuse is currently happening within Oraga Tamariki it shocks me that such a wide range of ages would be able to be housed in one facility.

House Prices:

If we had known that these changes would be proposed we would not have bought in this community. We are scared that if this goes ahead people will want to sell and house prices will dramatically drop. And who will want to buy next to a prison knowing the safety risks.

No other Youth Justice facilities are in dense residential areas.

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I am shocked at how this whole process has taken place. The initial letter explaining the proposed change was not clear for people to understand the changes that were actually being proposed and the potential risks if this goes ahead, and the time frame given was not adequate for people to give submissions.

I seek the following decision from the Court that the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety. That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions: that no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site. That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line, that no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained. That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties. That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site remain the same as it currently is, with no change to the age.

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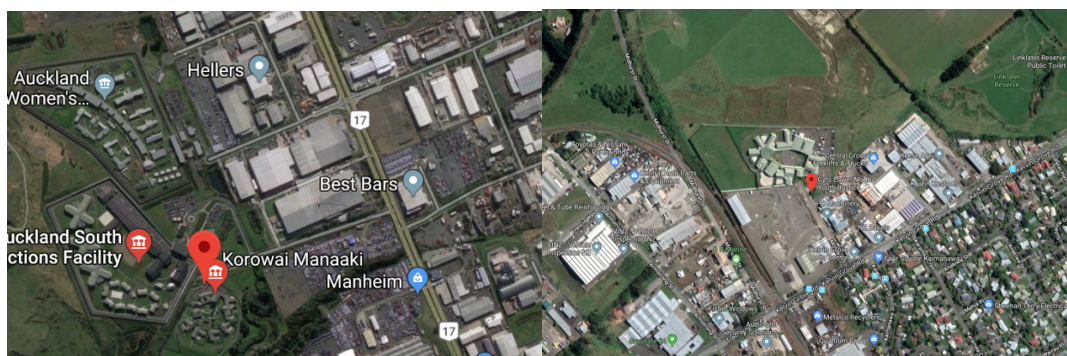


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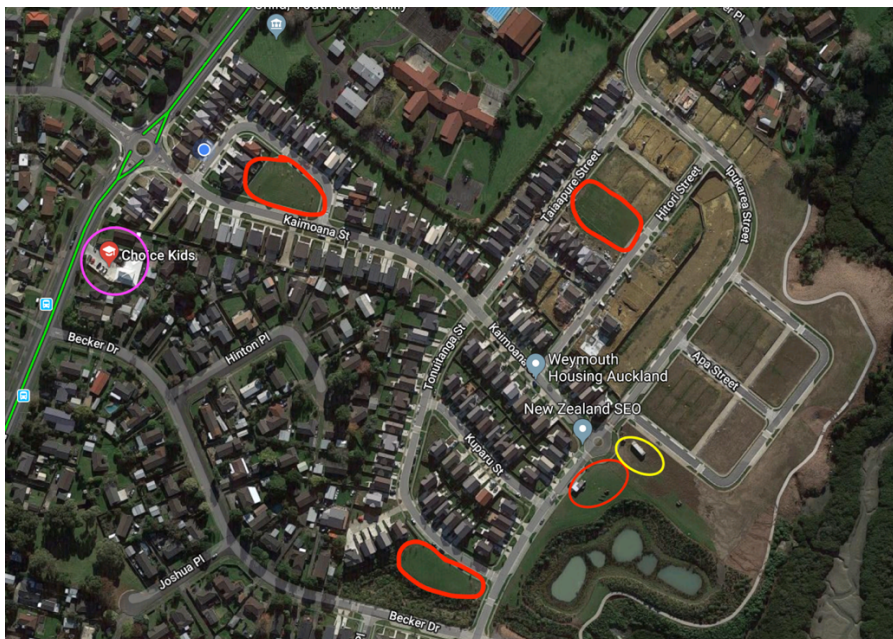


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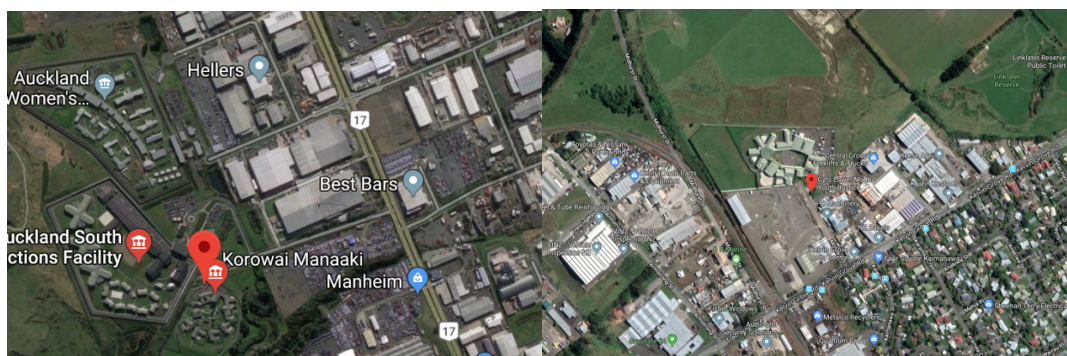


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The designation is not fit for purpose due to being so close to residential areas and does not maintain a safe family environment. A youth justice facility is not compatible for this area. I do not support any weakening of security and there are no clear outlines in the proposal of what exact changes will be regarding security. It is also not mentioned where Care and Protection children are in the community, or where they will be housed. Given the close proximity of my house on the direct boundary line, there is no certainty over the planning of the facility and how any of the changes to the exterior of the building will impact the pleasant residential environment. I fear for my safety as a woman, and the safety of my three children, including my two 9 year old daughters, of sexual assault or violence, adding fear and anxiety while living in my own home. I also have concerns about potential losses for not being able to sell my house, or have property values drop, as well as any extra costs associated with insurances, should any graffiti, theft of property, damage to property, harm to pets, assault, burglary, breaking and entering, all as a result and direct consequence of potential escapees. The increase of the age of rangatahi, increase of numbers being housed there, and more severe criminal offenders being at Whakatakakopai, will increase the potential dangers in the area to myself and the community. There is also, already lots of noise during weekends at the site, so changing the designation, would add to an already noisy site. The impacts of all of these issues will be on-going, causing long-term stress and anxiety.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

I seek that this proposal be rejected in its entirety I ask that these changes be made in another location, away from residential areas, or no youth justice placements are housed on the site. Additional security, that does not impact on the way a peaceful residential area should look. Acoustic or soundproofed fence, that would stop escapees, alongside thick trees and landscaping along the fence line at least 1.5 meters deep. No new buildings be constructed, or developed on the site. Any

new buildings are not outside the existing security fencing and have no windows or doors that face toward neighboring residential properties. Maximum number is limited to 20.

Submission date: 26 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

Declaration

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Submission on a requirement for a designation or an alteration to a designation subject to full or limited notification

Sections 168A, 169, 181, 189A, 190, and 195A of the Resource Management Act 1991
FORM 21



Send your submission to unitaryplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or post to :

Attn: Planning Technician
Auckland Council
Level 24, 135 Albert Street
Private Bag 92300
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For office use only
Submission No:
Receipt Date:

Submitter details

Full Name or Name of Agent (if applicable)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (Full Name)

RUTH HELEN CLARK

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Contact Person: (Name and designation if applicable)

This is a submission on a notice of requirement:

By: Name of Requiring Authority

Minister for Children

For: A new designation or alteration to an existing designation (describe)

3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre – Upper North currently known as Whakatakapokai

The specific parts of the above notice of requirement that my submission relates to are: (give details):

The entire proposal

My submission is:

In support of the notice of requirement

In opposition to the notice of Requirement

Neutral [include box]

The reasons for my views are:

Please see sheet attached

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

I seek the following recommendation or decision from the Council (give precise details including the general nature of any conditions sought).

Please see sheet attached

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

RLab
Signature of Submitter
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

26/03/19
Date

Notes to person making submission:

If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use Form 16B.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the person who gave the notice of requirement as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the Council (unless the Council itself, as requiring authority, gave the notice of requirement)

If your submission relates to a notice of requirement for a designation or alteration to a designation and you are a trade competitor of the requiring authority, you may make a submission only if you are directly affected by an effect of the activity to which the requirement relates that:

- (a) Adversely affects the environment, and
- (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Additional Information for Submission in Respect of a requirement for a designation or an alteration to a designation.

Name: Ruth Helen Clark

Date: 26/03/2019

The reason for my views are:

- The designation is not fit for purpose due to being so close to residential areas and does not maintain a safe family environment. A youth justice facility is not compatible for this area.
- I do not support any weakening of security and there are no clear outlines in the proposal of what exact changes will be regarding security. It is also not mentioned where Care and Protection children are in the community, or where they will be housed.
- Given the close proximity of my house on the direct boundary line, there is no certainty over the planning of the facility and how any of the changes to the exterior of the building will impact the pleasant residential environment.
- I fear for my safety as a woman, and the safety of my three children, including my two 9 year old daughters, of sexual assault or violence, adding fear and anxiety while living in my own home.
- I also have concerns about potential loses for not being able to sell my house, or have property values drop, as well as any extras costs associated with insurances, should any graffiti, theft of property, damage to property, harm to pets, assault, burglary, breaking and entering, all as a result and direct consequence of potential escapees.
- The increase of the age of rangatahi, increase of numbers being housed there, and more severe criminal offenders being at Whakatakakopakai, will increase the potential dangers in the area to myself and the community.
- There is also, already lots of noise during weekends at the site, so changing the designation, would add to an already noisy site.
- The impacts of all of these issues will be on-going, causing long-term stress and anxiety.

I seek the following decision from the Court:

- I seek that this proposal be rejected in its entirety
- I ask that these changes be made in another location, away from residential areas, or no youth justice placements are housed on the site.
- Additional security that does not impact on the way a peaceful residential area should look.
- Acoustic or soundproofed fence that would stop escapees, alongside thick trees and landscaping along the fence line at least 1.5 meters deep.
- No new buildings be constructed, or developed on the site.
- Any new buildings are not outside the existing security fencing and have no windows or doors that face toward neighbouring residential properties.
- Maximum number is limited to 20.

The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopakai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The youth justice placements result in additional security and safety risk for my young family. For example the potential for people to escape from the facility is real and the impact of escapees and the general potential danger that the proposal poses to the neighborhood is significant, particularly given the that we live right next to facility and escapee can easily climb small fence. - I am also concerned about visitors to the site. The centre will be a continuing cause of stress and anxiety for me and will impact on the amenity of my neighbourhood. - I have a young family and the proposed changes to the centre are not compatible with maintaining a safe and pleasant for my family. - There is lack of clarity about who may be accommodated at the centre, particularly the ability of the centre to accommodate people up to 19 years old that have been referred by the court or police. Potentially the entire site will be a youth justice facility/ prison as the proposed changes to the designation will inevitably result in a change in emphasis from care and protection to youth justice placements. - There are already 3 prison facilities within the Manurewa area. The changes proposed to the facility effectively introduce a fourth prison into the suburb. It would be preferable to locate the additional youth justice placements within the existing Korowai Manaaki residence in Wiri (which has been purpose built and located) or construct a new facility in another location away from residential areas. Other youth justice facilities in New Zealand are located away from residential neighbourhoods. A youth justice facility is not compatible with an established residential neighbourhood. - The site is located on the main road into Weymouth. The use of this site as a youth justice facility will have negative impacts on how I and other see our neighbourhood and live our lives. For example we will want to avoid travelling past this site, but will be unable to do so. - I already have issues with noise coming from carpark and children crying noises at night. The increase in the number of people to be accommodated and increase in staff will increase the comings and goings from the site with additional noise impacts on my family. I consider that the proposed changes will have unacceptable adverse effects on the now established character of the neighbourhood centre and the surrounding residential neighbourhood which has changed considerably since the centre was first established. Since the centre was first established intensive residential development has established in close proximity to the centre. It is no longer

located at the edge of the urban area. It is now not appropriate to increase the scale and intensity of use or change to focus to a youth justice facility centre due to the close proximity of new development. The proposed changes to the designation provide no certainty over the design of any new facilities, and increased security measures will lead to institutional and utilitarian buildings and features (i.e security fencing and surveillance cameras) that are not compatible with a pleasant residential environment. - It will have negative impact on my property value as no would want to live right next to a youth jail. This would put me in undue financial stress as this is my first home. I specially bought property knowing that facility next door is not a youth justice but a child protection centre - The notice of requirement is very vague on the extent of new development that may be necessary to accommodate the youth justice placements now and into future. The increase in security measures such as increased security fencing within the site to accommodate such placements will be incompatible with residential amenity values. - The extent of rebuilding potentially allowed by the amended designation is wide, and will enable development much closer to the boundaries of the site adjoining residential development. This will significantly impact on our amenity including a reduction in privacy and increased overlooking and by removing the green space buffers that currently exist on the site This will also exacerbate the security concerns of residents. The proposed conditions will enable direct overlooking of neighbouring properties by occupants of the centre and are insufficient to provide for amenity of neighbours. - The changes in security protocols outlined in section 7.5 of the AEE do not equate to the extent of change that will be allowed under the revised designation. For example in page 20 the AEE states that no physical changes will impact the visual amenity of the residence. The changes proposed to the designation will allow significant changes to the visual amenity of the residence as it could be rebuilt or significantly altered and extended. - The AEE indicates that the change in designation could have moderate to high social impact effects on neighbouring residents. The mitigation proposed for these effects is vague, insufficient and largely flawed given the extent of change and redevelopment allowed. The community liaison committee is required to be established for too short a period to have any long term effect. - The use of the site as a centre for youth justice placements is an inefficient use of valuable residential land that is appropriately zoned for housing. - I consider that the Proposed Development fails to achieve the objectives and policies of the Auckland Unitary Plan ("Plan"). For example (but not limited to) the proposal does not sufficiently provide for the health and safety of the neighbouring community. This is contrary to the B2.3.1.(3) which requires the health and safety of people and communities to be promoted. - The proposal is not consistent with the objectives and policies in B2.8 Social facilities as it fails to address the effects of facility on the adjoining residential neighbourhood. - The proposal is not consistent with the objectives and policies of Mixed Housing Suburban Zone particularly those that provide for residential amenity (H4.2(3)) and those requiring non-residential activities to be compatible with the scale and intensity of development anticipated in the zone (H4.2(4)). - The proposal is not necessary to meet the objectives of the Minister because the location of the site is not suitable for youth justice placements given the close proximity of residential development. -It does not promote the sustainable management of resources in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA") or otherwise achieve its purpose

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

- That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety. - That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions - That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site. - That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line. - That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained. - That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighboring residential properties. - That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to 20

Submission date: 26 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?

Yes

Declaration

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
The entire proposal

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
Please see attached sheet

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Please see attached sheet

Submission date: 26 March 2019

Supporting documents
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION .pdf

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF “Alteration to designations 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai) and 3802 Youth Justice Centre Upper North (Korowai Manaaki) by the Minister for Children - Direct referral”

Submission by: Cliff Bartle

Date: 26TH March 2019

This is an addition as part of my submission.

I seek the following decision from the Environment Court:

- That the Notice of Requirement regarding the Whakatakapoki residence be rejected in its entirety.

The reasons for my views are as follows:

- A change of designation of Whakatakapoki will result in additional security and safety concerns for the local community.
- The Youth Justice residence would be in the heart of a very densely populated area where recent housing developments have been constructed right up to the perimeter of the existing Care and Protection Residence.
- The nature of the area has changed enormously from when the existing centre was originally built. At that time, it was surrounded by farmland but is now amid a densely populated residential area. This new residential area was created when the Ministry of Children sold the

surrounding land to Housing New Zealand and the Ministry of Education for development of new housing.

- Existing Youth Justice Residences around the country have been sited away from densely populated residential areas, this will be the only one in such a densely populated residential area.
- The Youth Justice residence would be very close to local schools, an existing and a new child care facility which is being built just yards from the centre and young families in the surrounding houses.
- The establishment of this change of designation would also have a negative social impact on the wider local community. Residents and visitors accessing Weymouth all travel along Weymouth Road to access Weymouth communities. This is the main road in and out of the suburb. As such any changes to the visibility of the residence, such as physical changes in the form of signage and fencing or increased security measures for vehicle access may give rise to adverse effects on the community's sense of place. Furthermore, the change of purpose to include Youth Justice will result in changes in the community's visibility AND perception of the residence. This will be exacerbated by any changes to the appearance/visibility of activity at the site, such as increasing police van movements, police or staff movements (particularly if there are increased staff shifts to accommodate the 50% increase in accommodation), or other 'secure transport' movements to and from the site.
- The increase in movements to and from the site will lead to an increase in noise which will negatively impact the local community.

- The plans the Ministry has provided are very vague as to how the centre develops should the change of designation be granted. The Ministry will have all the resources it needs to use the facility however it wishes, and the local community will be left powerless.
- The Social Impact Assessment conducted for the Ministry by Beca Consultants to support the application for the Notice of Requirement has identified several “high potential adverse impacts” on the local neighbourhood. Considering the Ministry has funded the Social Impact Assessment it is likely that the assessment has been written with a bias towards a favourable outcome that supports the change of Designation and therefore the rating of these social impacts, had they been rated by a neutral body, would have scored even higher.
- There are already three prisons in the local neighbourhood and this would bring the total to four should the change of designation be approved.
- The use of the land for a Youth Justice Residence in such a densely populated area is inefficient. If the existing Care and Protection Residence is no longer required it would be more sensible to sell the land to a developer and build badly needed housing. The ministry could then use the proceeds from this sale to develop the unit at Korowai Manaaki Youth Justice Residence to provide the extra spaces required.

The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:
Accommodation of young people for youth justice reasons

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Housing youth offenders in an existing residential area puts residents at unnecessary risk. Alternatives to accommodate the additional youth offenders have not been properly explored. The mixed use model proposed at Whakatakapokai reduces the available accommodation options for those residing for care and protection reasons.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

Whakatakapokai to be used to accommodate residents for care and protection purposes only. An additional increase in the number of residents at Korowai Manaaki to house any youth offenders intended to reside at Whakatakapokai

Submission date: 26 March 2019

Supporting documents

Submission in Reference to Proposed Changes at Whakatakapokai.pdf

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Submission in reference to proposed changes at designation 3800 care and protection centre- upper north (Whakatakapokai) at 398 Weymouth Rd

Key points I'd like to raise for consideration of this proposal are as follows:

Points for the proposal:

- I agree that the facility should be allowed to increase the number of children that live at the facility from 20 to 30.
- I agree that the maximum allowable age should be increased from 17yrs to 20 yrs.
- I agree that the facility should continue to allow placements of young people for care and protection purposes.

Points against the proposal:

- I do not agree that the facility should accommodate young people for “youth justice reasons”.
1. The number of home owners and community members notified is insufficient. households have been notified which covers a 500mtr radius from the Whakatakapokai residence. The social impact assessment provided by Beca (the SIA report) indicates potential impacts to be considered high adverse impact for local residents of south Weymouth, and those who drive past the site frequently. A 500mtr radius is a small fraction of the effected households. The distance to the end of the Weymouth peninsula from Whakatakapokai is approx. 2km.
 2. The proposal outlines an intention to separate “tamariki placements for youth justice reasons and those placed for care and protection” If this separation is required to protect children from those placed for “youth justice reasons” I expect in the absence of predetermined appropriate security measures would put residents at unnecessary risk of security breaches/ theft or possible physical harm.
 3. Oranga Tamariki have failed to provide firm details on required physical changes to the site to accommodate the proposed use changes. This does not give residents the opportunity to fully understand and comment via submission how the impacts of this will effect existing residents. The SIA report assumes potential impacts implemented will not be considered permanent, however, based on the lack of detail and communication from Oranga Tamariki on this matter, the long term negative impact to residential amenity and privacy cannot be ruled out.
 4. The previous use of the site from 1973 till 2006 was a youth justice residence. During this time 27 residents escaped. In November 2003 six offenders escaped by attacking a social worker and stealing her keys. Whilst I accept changes may have resulted since these occurrences to reduce risk, the element of human error means that there will always be a risk to the public, especially when relocating such a facility into an established residential area. The SIA report confirms there have been no media articles regarding escapes or evidence of community concerns about the use of the site for care and protection since its opening in 2006
 5. Should security measures include features such as CCTV, Appropriate fencing etc be erected, this would also serve as a reminder to the wider community of the higher risk associated with a youth justice facility” in a residential area. These features would bring the residence at Whakatakapokai visually similar to a corrections facility.

6. Oranga Tamariki have made no mention of alternative options to house the additional youth offenders required. The minister also proposes that changes are made to Korowai Manaaki to allow additional 10 residents at that site. I would like to propose that this number be increased to ensure all additional youth justice residents proposed to reside at Whakatakapokai, to be instead housed at Korowai Manaaki.
7. This would ensure the impact on facilities currently available for children housed for care and protection is not compromised
8. This would ensure the total number of correctional facilities in the immediate area does not change, thus minimising the impact to the surrounding community
9. Costs to upgrade security should be reduced if the intended building and infrastructure at Whakatakapokai was instead invested at Korowai Manaaki. Korowai Manaaki is already a youth justice facility and therefore would have the existing necessary security measures and systems in place.
10. Given the high level of confidence from Oranga Tamariki at their ability to separate residents at Whakatakapokai for care and protection purposes, and those placed for youth justice reasons, it should be expected that the same outcome could be achieved at Korowai Manaaki with any additional youth justice residents. This would then mitigate any concerns associated with larger groups of youth offenders placed at the same site.
11. Land area at Whakatakapokai is 3.993 hectares Land area of Korowai Manaaki is 10.17 hectares (source: Auckland council GIS viewer). The proposed changes to accommodate 30 children at Whakatakapokai would provide a resident/ land area ratio of 0.133ha/ person. If additional youth offenders were housed at Korowai Manaaki (ie increase to 66 instead of the proposed 56) this ratio would be a lower density at 0.154 ha/ resident.
12. The proposal also fails to mention that the facility at Whakatakapokai is currently closed. In addition to the lack of notification to all effected parties it appears Oranga Tamariki is already taking steps to fast track these changes without following a transparent and fair process. No reason for this closure has yet to be provided.
13. The proposal allows for children placed solely for youth justice reasons to be on site as a way to circumvent the need to provide separate housing and infrastructure for those placed for care and protection. Should this change occur the site could foreseeably become a dedicated facility for "youth justice reasons" by default. This again would only increase the impacts on the community and existing Whakatakapokai residents.

Regards,

Gordon Gilmour.

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

The safety of my children as our home is within extremely close proximity to the facility.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

The tamariki and the local community would benefit from the facility being relocated to a more rural area away from high density housing and young families.

Submission date: 27 March 2019

Supporting documents
SUBMISSION .pdf

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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**SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF A REQUIREMENT FOR A
DESIGNATION AND AN ALTERATION TO A DESIGNATION**

Elaina Richmond-Rex

30 Taiaapure Street, Waimahia Inlet, Weymouth

As a resident of Weymouth whose home backs on to the Care and Protection Centre, both my husband and I are greatly concerned over the proposal.

Of paramount concern is the safety, well-being and protection of our young family who are currently aged 13 and 11. This is also the concern of many of our neighbours who also have young families. Had we been aware that the capacity as well as the designation of the Centre could change, it is highly unlikely we would have purchased our home in this area. As it is, should the proposal go through, I believe it will have an adverse effect on the price of homes in this community.

With the proposal to increase the ages of the tamariki to be housed in the facility from 17 to 19, we must accept that at the age of 19, many could be bigger, stronger and possibly, even more set in their ways. Without intimate knowledge of the residents and what goes on behind closed doors, this image of a 19 year old resident triggered alarm bells in many residents. Should any of these older tamariki choose to abscond, it would cause a great deal of unease amongst local residents in terms of the safety of their families and their property, specifically their vehicles and homes. No one wants to live with such a dismal possibility hanging over their heads.

Furthermore, the possibility of an increase in the number of tamariki also raises the level of unease amongst the residents of the area who at present, are not happy with the facility being located where it is but must accept its presence. At present, its designation is that of a Care and Protection facility but with the proposal to change it into a Youth Justice Centre, one must question why the proposed change – other than for ‘certain adult jurisdiction reasons’. Without a more detailed explanation on offer, coupled with the proposed increase in the age of the young residents, the level of unease in the community has greatly increased. Visions of a break out are not far from our minds as both my husband. We both work with young people and such

is their nature, the very fact that it might be labelled a 'secure' facility, presents a challenge to be met and overcome.

Should the proposal be successful, it would impact greatly on those with young families, particularly those in close proximity to the Centre. The freedom of their children would be curtailed and we as a family, would no longer allow our children to ride their bikes around the neighbourhood or walk to the homes of their friends. Security on homes will need to be enhanced – perhaps a bit of over kill but it would be a sensible precaution to take, especially if your home borders on to the facility grounds, as does ours. A wooden picket fence and a few bushes is no obstacle for young determined tamariki, should they choose to leave the Centre.

Older residents claim they do not have pleasant memories growing up across from the Centre when it first became operational. As the community has grown, acceptance of the facility in its existing state has perhaps lulled the residents into a false sense of security given the relative smallness of its size, as well as the young age of those housed there. This could all change overnight should the proposed changes succeed. Surely, both the tamariki and the local community would benefit from the facility being relocated to a more rural area away from high density housing and young families.

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Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Community safety / fear - we are predominantly first home buyers in Waimahia Inlet that borders Whakatakapokai. Most mothers and the occasional Dad are stay at home parents so fear for our safety if a Rangitahi broke out of Whakatakapokai is high Safety in our homes - Our homes and property are already a target for car theft and break-ins committed by youth we simply do not deserve to have this escalate. Oranga Tamariki & Auckland Council lack of communications was short, sharp and unclear. 95% of residents did not understand what the submission meant or couldnt understand due to lack of english Increase in already high crime rates committed by youth in this area - Police statistics have being requested but due to recent Christchurch killings intel is slow to get. I would be happy to provide this at a later date Potential increase in crime/issues that we as a community will have to deal with in addition to our already high crime rates Community disconnect due to fear of leaving our homes and fear for property theft as most of us are single income families and just get by with the increases in insurance premiums due to the already high theft rates here in South Auckland Decline Property Value - We have worked so hard to get onto the property ladder via an "affordable housing" model in the Waimahia Inlet and a large portion of us have bought our homes on Shared Equity so will not be going anywhere in the near future. For some of us this is our all, its our homestead, our safe place and our investment for our tamariki so the thought of leaving our children with a home built next to a Youth Justice facility is soul destroying.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

The designation remains as is and to look at a whanau programme and services that wrap's around whanau as a whole to nurture both tamariki and carers/parents. Work with the Waimahia Inlet, Clendon Pride Project, and the Weymouth Residents to include tamariki & their whanau in our Community events...sharing the true essence of what life could be for them and how it should be. It's important to remember that the parents or carers of our tamariki sometimes don't know any different it's a generational cycle that they have never been shown a different way. I work in and with the Clendon Community which neighbours Whakatakapokai and Ive meet so many broken whanau that

want to change but don't know how, drug addiction, drug dealing, domestic violence, gang violence, unemployment...it is a reality and Manurewa has just become a dumping ground for the broken and unwanted. Please consider the 295 households that border this facility. A Youth prison is not going to produce any good for our community. If anything it will destroy a community that is trying its best to provide bright futures for our tamariki

Submission date: 27 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

Declaration

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Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

Safety for my family – I commute to and from East Tamaki 5 days a week and attend my sons training 3 nights a week so my wife is home with the children on her own. We have a disabled son so our backyard is our haven and I want him to be safe always. We are first home buyers in Waimahia Inlet that borders Whakatakakopai and is within 500mtrs. Safety in our homes - Our homes and property are already a target for car theft and break-ins committed by youth we simply do not deserve to have this escalate. Oranga Tamariki & Auckland Council lack of communications was short, sharp and unclear. Potential increase in crime/issues that we as a community will have to deal with in addition to our already high crime rates and already have 3 prisons kilometres up the road however they are in an industrial area NOT residential Decline Property Value - We have worked so hard to get onto the property ladder via an "affordable housing" model in the Waimahia Inlet and we have purchased our homes on Shared Equity so will not be going anywhere in the near future. For us this is our all, it's our home, our safe place and our investment for our children.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

Utilise as a facility for families/individuals who want to change and learn as well as "Child Protection" Have programmes that reconnect and teach families how to be together, collaborate services to help and betterment of parenting skills. That space can be used for so much better than a youth justice facility.

Submission date: 27 March 2019

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

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The reason for my or our views are:

1. Waimahia Inlet is a newly built community featuring many first home owners and young families. A pre-requisite for approval into the Inlet and its mixed ownership model was that applicants had to be a family, so the appeal of creating a vibrant thriving community with other families, where young children could play together at one of the 3 local parks and safely ride their bikes was a dream. This dream is compromised with the potential for unruly and dangerous youths being separated from the Waimahia and wider Weymouth community families by a couple of walls and fences. The local streets will have an unsafe feeling to them and tear down every positive aspect of the community that was promoted by both local and central government at the time of construction and still to this day (Nick Smith MP Facebook video December 8th 2018). 2. Whakatakapokai is an obvious eyesore and blight on the suburb of Weymouth. A majority of Weymouth dwellings can only be accessed by driving past the building therefore there is a very real possibility that property prices will decrease as potential buyers familiarise themselves with the neighbourhood on the way to house viewings and open homes, and ultimately find themselves unwilling to live in such close proximity to what could become a youth corrections facility. The ultimate irony is that Waimahia Inlet residents are not allowed to construct a front fence on their property as it is against the council "beautification" by-laws, but the decision is being made for a youth justice facility to be available over the back fence. 3. No other youth justice facility in New Zealand is operating in such close proximity to a community and its residents. Korowai Manaaki and Te Maioha are perfect examples of a purpose built facility that has been erected away from housing to avoid the threat of escapees, loud noises, unruly guests and other dangers. This is not by coincidence. One of two scenarios has played out in order for this to happen. i) Consultation and common sense have prevailed in the set up of similar operating sites, and those with the power to make the decision on the sites location have made one that has the least effect on law abiding citizens and its surrounding area, or ii) nobody wants to build properly and live anywhere near these establishments, which further validates the reasons described above as to why they should not be located in residential areas to start with. Why are the same considerations not being made when it comes to Whakatakapokai?

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

-Stop with the change to designation for Whakatakāpokai -Better consider the impacts to Weymouth and Clendon residents -Seek an alternative site, away from the public to locate a youth justice facility

Submission date: 27 March 2019

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Would you consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others have made a similar submission?
Yes

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Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakakopai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:

1. The introduction of youth justice placements into the facility will result in additional security and safety concerns for my family. For example the potential for people to escape from the facility is real and the impact of escapees and the general potential danger that the proposal poses to the neighbourhood is significant, particularly given the close proximity of our houses to the site. I am also concerned about visitors to the site. The centre will be a continuing cause of stress and anxiety for me and will impact on the amenity of my neighbourhood. 2. The site is located on the main road into Weymouth. The use of this site as a youth justice facility will have negative impacts on how I and other see our neighbourhood and live our lives. For example we will want to avoid travelling past this site, but will be unable to do so.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:

- That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety.
- That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions - That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site. - That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line. - That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas be maintained. - That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties. - That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to ??

Submission date: 27 March 2019

Attend a hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

Declaration

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The following customer has submitted a Notice of Requirement online submission.

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Full name of submitter: [REDACTED]

Organisation name:

Full name of your agent:

Email address: [REDACTED]

Contact phone number:



Submission details

Name of requiring authority: Minister for Children

The designation or alteration: Alteration to designation 3800 Care and Protection Residential Centre Upper North (Whakatakapokai)

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are:

Do you support or oppose the Notice of Requirement? I or we oppose the Notice of Requirement

The reason for my or our views are:
Please refer to attached statement.

I or we seek the following recommendation or decision from Auckland Council:
Please refer to attached statement.

Submission date: 28 March 2019

Supporting documents

[REDACTED]_Additional reasons.pdf

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF A
REQUIREMENT FOR A DESIGNATION OR AN ALTERATION TO A DESIGNATION**

Name [REDACTED]

Date23/03/19.....

This additional explanation is part of my submission.

I strongly oppose the introduction of Youth Justice placements at this centre. I have listed the reasons for my assertions below:

Security & Safety Risks & Concerns

1. I strongly oppose the introduction of youth justice placements into the facility, which will inevitably result in additional security and safety concerns for my family and the amenity of my neighbourhood.
2. I consider that the proposed changes will have unacceptable adverse effects on the now established character of the neighbourhood centre and the surrounding residential neighbourhood which has changed considerably since the centre was first established. Since the centre was first established intensive residential development, childcare centres and schools have established in close proximity to the centre. It is no longer located at the edge of the urban area. It is now not appropriate to increase the scale and intensity of use or change to focus to a youth justice facility centre due to the close proximity of new residential development. The proposed changes to the designation provide no certainty over the design of any new facilities, and increased security measures will lead to institutional and utilitarian buildings and features (i.e security fencing and surveillance cameras) that are not compatible with a pleasant residential environment.
3. There are already 3 prison facilities within the Manurewa area within a short distance from densely packed residential areas. The changes proposed to the facility effectively introduces a fourth prison into the suburb. This type of change of use request is also unprecedented in New Zealand as other youth justice facilities in New Zealand are located away from residential neighbourhoods. A youth justice facility is not compatible with an established residential neighbourhood.
4. The Proposed Development does not adequately provide for the health and safety of the neighbouring community as required by the Auckland Plan B2.3.1.(3). This is especially relevant given the childcare facilities, schools and large, recent, medium-density residential development nearby. It would be worth considering whether facility residents and visitors might represent a risk to others in the neighbourhood.

5. The Proposed Development is not consistent with the Auckland Plan B2.8 Social facilities, failing to address the effects of facility on the adjoining residential neighbourhood.
6. There is also lack of clarity about who may be accommodated at the centre, particularly the ability of the centre to accommodate Young adults up to the age of 19 years that have been referred by the court or police. Potentially the entire site will be a youth justice facility/ prison as the proposed changes to the designation will inevitably result in a change in emphasis from care and protection to youth justice placements. Since these prisoners can also include those accused and/ or convicted of serious crimes involving violence or sexual violence. In addition, the potential for people to escape from the proposed Youth & Justice/ Prison facility is very real. The impact of escapees and the general potential danger that the proposal poses to the neighbourhood is significant, particularly given the close proximity of our houses to the site. This poses a huge security risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of the residents in the area and would be completely incompatible with a densely packed residential neighbourhood with a variety of childcare centres and schools in the nearby vicinity.
7. I would strongly request that any additional youth justice placements should be accommodated within the existing Korowai Manaaki residence in Wiri, or a new facility in a non-residential area, as is normal practice for other youth justice facilities in New Zealand.
8. There are also no guarantees about how the reworked site will operate in the future, with precedent for such 'mission creep' being provided by ASCF/Kohuora. The men's prison in Wiri was presented as a minimum to medium security facility at consultation, but now has a significant proportion of medium-high and high security inmates. Kohuora at least has the advantage of being a purpose-built facility in a light industrial/commercial area.
9. The site is located on the main road into Weymouth. The use of this site as a youth justice facility will have negative impacts on how I and others see our neighbourhood and live our lives. Residents will be forced to travel past this site and will be unable to avoid it. Increased staffing and secure transport vehicles of offenders will also impact negatively on the neighbourhood.
10. Many people in the area directly adjoining the site have families and the proposed changes to the centre are not compatible with maintaining a safe and pleasant family environment.
11. Noise is currently generated by people on the site including when staff shifts change. The increase in the number of people to be accommodated and increase in staff will increase the comings and goings from the site with additional noise impacts on the amenity of neighbours.

12. The Notice of Requirement is also very vague on the extent of new development that may be necessary to accommodate the youth justice placements now and in the future. The increase in security measures such as increased security fencing within the site to accommodate such placements will be incompatible with residential amenity values.
13. The extent of rebuilding potentially allowed by the amended designation is wide, and will enable development much closer to the boundaries of the site adjoining residential development. By removing the green space buffers that currently exist on the site, this will also exacerbate the security concerns of residents.
14. The changes in security protocols outlined in section 7.5 of the AEE do not equate to the extent of change that will be allowed under the revised designation. For example, in page 20 the AEE states that no physical changes will impact the visual amenity of the residence. The changes proposed to the designation will allow significant changes to the visual amenity of the residence as it could be rebuilt or significantly altered and extended.
15. The use of the site as a centre for youth justice placements is an inefficient use of valuable residential land that is appropriately zoned for housing.
16. The proposal is not consistent with the objectives and policies of Mixed Housing Suburban Zone particularly those that provide for residential amenity (H4.2(3)) and those requiring non-residential activities to be compatible with the scale and intensity of development anticipated in the zone (H4.2(4)).
17. The proposal is not necessary to meet the objectives of the Minister because the location of the site is not suitable for youth justice placements given the close proximity of residential development.
18. It does not promote the sustainable management of resources in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA") or otherwise achieve its purpose.
19. It is not consistent with section 7 of the RMA as overall, it is not an efficient use of land and fails to maintain or enhance amenity values.

I seek the following decision from the Court

- A. That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety.
- B. I would like the Whakatakapokai to remain a Care & Protection Centre AND NOT A Youth Justice facility of any shape or form.
- C. That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions:
 - i. That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site in the present or in the future.
 - ii. I would also like the age of the children in this facility to be capped at a maximum of 16 years old.
 - iii. That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line.
 - iv. That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas are fully maintained.
 - v. That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties.
 - vi. That the maximum number of people accommodated on the site be limited to 30.

ADDENDUM A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF A REQUIREMENT FOR A DESIGNATION OR AN ALTERATION TO A DESIGNATION

Date29/03/19.....

This addendum is in addition to my original statement submitted on 28th March 2019 and is part of my submission.

I strongly oppose the introduction of Youth Justice placements at this centre as I also have concerns for the children/ rangatahi who are currently in care at Whakatakapokai and those who will be placed there under the proposed changes. I have listed the reasons below:

Other Concerns

1. The updated Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Report dated 15th March 2019, does not include the impact of the change of designation on the current resident children of Whakatakapokai. The report does not investigate the negative impact on the self-image, self-esteem and identity of the children, within their schools and wider community after the change of designation is approved. There is also no impact assessment done on the possible effect on the mental health and wellbeing of the vulnerable children at Whakatakapokai should the change of designation be approved.
2. The SIA also fails to include the tamariki and the rangatahi as stakeholders in this process.
3. The proposed change of designation will also trigger security updates at the Whakatakapokai building site, depriving the current cohort of young residents a positive 'home like' experience as required by the UN Convention on the 'Rights of Children'. The security updates to prepare the site for youth and justice placements will turn the current site into a 'prison like environment', compounding the negative impact on the already traumatized children who are in the care of Whakatakapokai Centre.
4. I also believe that the youth and justice facility would be better placed in a median income area where you have limited access to established criminal gangs. With the increased frequency of crime and gang proliferation in the wider neighbourhood of Manurewa, having another Youth and Justice facility will hamper the successful transition of rangitahi/ youth offenders into normal society. The long-standing criminal gang in Manurewa actively recruit from vulnerable groups of children and young people. The recently released and/ or transitioning tamariki/ rangitahi will be ideal candidates for such recruitment campaigns. Having them in another area such as Mt Wellington or other light industrial zones away from residential areas will improve their ability to transition into a 'normal' life. This way, they will have a meaningful opportunity to have a start at a stable, crime-free life.

I seek the following decision from the Court

- A. That the Notice of Requirement be rejected in its entirety.
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- C. That if the Notice of Requirement is confirmed I seek the following conditions:
 - i. That no youth justice placements are accommodated on the site in the present or in the future.
 - ii. I would also like the age of the children in this facility to be capped at a maximum of 16 years old. The ages of the male residents should remain at 14 or under and should be capped at that limit. No male children over the age of 14 should be placed at the centre as per the existing conditions.
 - iii. That the exterior fence to the property be replaced with a new close boarded acoustic fence together with at least 1.5m of tree landscaping along the fence line.
 - iv. That no new buildings be developed outside of the existing security fence on the site and the existing buffer areas are fully maintained.
 - v. That any new buildings do not contain windows that face towards neighbouring residential properties.
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