



## Hamilton Residents & Ratepayers Association

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POSITIVE CHANGE for HAMILTON

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### **Peacocke Development Plan (Southern Links) – Climate Change Implication**

We are seeking your intervention (hopefully backed by your Cabinet colleagues) on this project, to ensure that the result brings a well-reasoned sustainable design and economic outcome for this significant new suburb for all Hamilton citizens.

One option could be a review under your Climate Change Assessment process, along with the three pillars of the Paris Climate Change Accord.

Peacocke development is the most significant investment of public funding ever in the city but the overall design is out-of-date. We consider it could and should provide an inspirational model for the nation.

#### **Background**

The original design for this subdivision of an expected 9,400 dwellings, plus commercial centre was undertaken in 2007. This design reflects historical engineering architecture for three waters plus a new dissecting motorway. Hamilton City Council continues to ignore climate variations, infrastructure risks, and opportunities for affordable housing. Their reports warn that funding shortfalls will be underwritten by levying ratepayers.

Hamilton residents and ratepayers have already been hit by an 8% rates increase in 2011 and 9.7% in 2018. The intervening years have been 3.8%, well above CPI and seriously impacting on the well-being of those on the lower income.

There are also significant ecological and cultural issues that citizens now consider need to be addressed in response to recent increasing public awareness.

One major developer has indicated to us that they would be willing to review their proposals in line with new thinking.

Together with other civil society interests, we have spoken to the new Mayor Paula Southgate, Chief Executive, and Programme Managers to outline our concerns and request a hold on the project until a full review is undertaken. Time is tight because roading and bridge contracts totalling over \$200million are about to be let.

Please find attached the letter presented to all elected members of Hamilton City Council.

I am available to meet and discuss this matter, or I can be contacted on +64 21 987606.

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cc. Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, Jamie Strange, Hon David Bennett, Hon Tim MacIndoe