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**Subject:** Submission on Karori Connections

Kia ora

This submission is on behalf of the Creswick Valley Residents Association. We represent the residents of Northland and Creswick Valley (which extends to city-end Karori and Wilton).

We have not formally canvassed our members and supporters on this matter and have therefore kept our comments high level and have not taken an overall position on the proposals, noting that there will be a range of views within the community. We have also not focussed on the detailed proposals within Karori.

We acknowledge that the Council is trying to manage a number of competing road users within a constrained road space and that inevitably not everyone is going to be satisfied with the outcome, but would encourage the Council to ensure that it is taking a balanced and pragmatic approach to any changes in these areas and actively seeking to address any community concerns, while improving the experience of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users on this route. In our view, highest priority should be placed on supporting the frequency, capacity and reliability of bus services, given the number of people being transported. We support the proposed pedestrian improvements (in particular raised crossings), but are disappointed that the lower speed limits around the top of Glenmore St that were signalled in earlier engagement do not appear to have been progressed. We also support the proposed shared path through Appleton Park, given the lack of utilisation of the space.

We agree that for cyclists a separated uphill cycle lane on Glenmore St is much safer than the current situation, and that it should also improve traffic flow, particularly reducing the problem of buses being repeatedly stuck behind cyclists in peak hours. However, the loss of parking in this area is significant, and could be a real problem for local residents and potentially for those seeking to visit the Botanic Gardens on busy days (accepting that there are other transport options and other parking available). We would suggest that the Council consider giving greater priority to residents and shorter-stay parking for visitors to the Gardens with remaining parking (over retaining coupon parking for commuters).

A specific concern for Northland residents continues to be the flow-on impact of commuter parking being displaced onto neighbouring residential streets - in particular Garden Road, and potentially also Northland Road. The side-street survey notes that "due to the minimal inventory and high resident occupancy Garden Road is not capable of accommodating the demand resulting from the parking spaces removed". However, there does not appear to be any mitigation in the proposal of the inevitable shifting of additional commuter parking to Garden Road and Northland Road, although it was suggested at the engagement evening that a parking scheme would be developed for both.

This element of the proposal would significantly exacerbate existing issues with commuter parking on local streets. We have raised this with the WCC Traffic Team in the past, and in particular have asked for a parking scheme for Garden Road to be implemented. At present, only a small section of the lower reach of Garden Road has a residents parking scheme. We again request that as part of the mitigation, WCC review the parking provisions on Garden Road, in consultation with residents, with a view to providing residents parking scheme for the whole length, along with some limited short term (say P120 parking) - for use by visitors etc. Similarly residents parking could also be considered for the lower parts of Northland Rd.

We **do** wish to receive email updates of this project.

We **do not** wish to speak to Councillors in support of the submission

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