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Submission:

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- I support the council ensuring that building more homes doesn't mean more emissions. We are in a climate crisis and councils have a very important role in lowering our emissions, enabling climate-friendly lifestyles, and planning for the future. This needs to be undertaken with the urgency befitting this crisis.
- Single-family detached houses in greenfield subdivisions should not be the majority of new homes being built.
- It is pointless to push behaviour changes without a landscape that enables and supports them. The impact of new homes and infrastructure will continue to be felt for decades, and thereby influence peoples' behaviour.
- There are plenty of reasons why it's *easier* and *more profitable* to do traditional car-centric suburban greenfield. A key reason seems to be that councils, with current resources, are far less willing and able to provide for and process intensification than greenfield. And that's why it's extra important for councils – of all stripes – to do everything they possibly can to get good intensification for growth, rather than greenfield.
- I want to see other policy tools explored as well, aside from TDM's, to make sure that new developments allow people to use other transport options than private vehicles.
- Council planning, consent, and regulatory teams should also be up skilled and strengthened so they have greater ability to create density done well.

- Finally, I support the provisions for uplifting Te Mana o te Wai, creating climate-resilient urban areas, and supporting biodiversity.

Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate all the hard work you do to make our city better.

Yours sincerely, Ellen Legg.