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Dear Sir/madam,

Firstly, the online submission platform is near impossible to fill out; halfway through logs you out or off!

I have lived in Maungaturoto my whole life.

Upon getting married in 1996 and starting a family, brought a home and lived in View St Maungaturoto. In 2008 we had outgrown the house and decided to build, **no residential sections or zoned residential land available in Maungaturoto**. We ended up renting for 6 years in Kaiwaka while we did a small 5 lot subdivision in Maungaturoto (six years later!), which is where we now live.

I left school in Maungaturoto in 1992 and worked for my parents Kauri Park Nurseries at the time selling trees and shrubs to garden centers. In 2002 my wife and myself started a new division selling garden hardware to the sale customers. In 2005 we needed a commercial building, there were **no commercial buildings available or commercial land for sale or zoned in Maungaturoto or Kaiwaka**. 15 years later after renting buildings Dargaville we finally found and got consent to build. Note I had contemporaries who also started businesses most of whom left the district because there was no provision for businesses in the area.

At this point I committed to attend council meetings and make representation to council about the need to rezone land and have continued to do so for the past 20 years. The crazy woke ideology that pits itself to stop any progress has resulted in the council not providing for the needs of a generation, resulting in unemployment, essential services gone from the rural towns with crime, drugs and social issues running rampant through the district.

Our first active submissions were in **2005 to Neil Tiller** and his team; he assured us the next district plan would have provision for both residential and commercial zoned land. (it did not)

The following **Government appointed administration** also assured that rezoning land to allow for growth was their top priority.(they did nothing)

**Next Jason Smith** who went through an exhaustive process of engaging outside planners and holding multiple public meetings with the goal of getting land rezoned finally achieved nothing.

**Now 20 years later nothing has changed no land rezoned, no commercial, no residential land for sale or available and worse as a result most services and people gone from the rural towns!**

The rezoning recommendations in this current plan are very good. Every parcel of land earmarked for rezoning should be actioned and carried out, with the following 2 addresses most commonsense,

**Residential: 61 Whaka Street Maungaturoto**

**Commercial: Greenway property NA644/129 & NA1123/283  
2130 state highway 1 Kaiwaka.**

Its disappointing to see a whole generation of opportunity and people lost, just because the council is so hopeless, haven't provided any land or prospect for housing or business!!

Its pretty simple if the council fails to provide for another generation the council itself is doomed to fail.

Kind Regards,

Michael Wearmouth | **General Manager**



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