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Hello,

Attached find the submission from Ross and Kay Major.  
Note that we wish to speak to this at a hearing.

Regards,

Ross Major

## CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL PCARP - 2015

### SUBMISSION BY ROSS AND KAY MAJOR

#### Our Details

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#### Presentation at Hearing

I confirm that we do wish to present this at a hearing.

#### Introduction

##### *Description of the property*

We purchased our property at 21 Selkirk Place seventeen years ago and it has been our family home since then. The land area is 1.43 Ha and this is split between the house area and three paddocks. We currently graze the paddocks for beef, but other livestock over the years has included sheep, goats and pigs. The home is heated with a wood pellet fueled boiler.

##### *Recent changes to our area*

In 2012 an application was made by a private party to have our land and the land around us changed from Rural 3 to a specialist version of Living G as part of a private plan change. (Plan Change 67.) We made submissions against this and presented our objections to the subsequent hearing.

The Commissioners decided to allow a zone change and our land and the land around us have been rezoned from rural to residential. In their decision the Commissioners addressed the issue of ongoing rural activity in this area and specifically made mention of our right to continue undertaking rural activities regardless of the plan change. (The only activities specifically were some that were excluded such as intensive live stock farming.) Existing ongoing rural activities remain a permitted activity in this area and this was confirmed by CERA and the Monisters acceptance of Amendment 4 of the City Plan.

#### Burning in the Open Air

##### *The reason we burn green waste*

We have over fifty trees that are more than fifteen metres tall and some are much taller than fifteen metres. The vast bulk of what we burn are the windfall branches that occur in storms and the trimming needed to keep the trees healthy. (The larger pieces are "exported" from the property to relatives and friends that are still able to burn firewood.)

This autumn's burn was typical and we had three fires over two weekends. To give you an idea of the volume green waste involved, the last fire involved seven high sided tandom axle trailer loads of tree limbs and smaller branches.

*The impact of our burning*

To the best of our recollection we have burnt every spring and autumn for the seventeen years we have been on the property. On some occasions there have been up to four fires each time.

In that time we have never had a complaint.

Given that we have never had a complaint in seventeen years, it can not be argued that we are creating a nuisance and since we only burn outside the winter period, we do not add to the winter peak pollution levels.

*Impact of the PCARP*

Our use of our land and all the land around has not changed and it is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future because the developer is being put into liquidation. Given the geotechnical and drainage challenges in this locality, any future subdivision on an area wide basis is highly improbable.

However, under the proposed changes to the regional air plan our ability to burn green waste in the open air will be lost due to our recent urban zoning.

Our Deisired Outcome

We seek to have the proposed plan changed in order to enable us to continue the open air burning that has occurred in this area since European settlement began.

Ross Ian Major