

LURP Review May 2015 Submission #1

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Comment and Actions to Achieve

There appears to be a complete disconnect between releasing property for residential development and the ability for the necessary resources to support these. The most obvious example is the stress now applied to main arterial routes entering the city. In particular the northern motorway is ridiculously congested increasing travel times from what was once a 30 minute one way journey to the city to in excess of an hour. Neither the Waimak or Christchurch district councils and Transit NZ appear capable or willing to work together to resolve this problem meanwhile tempers are flaring, frustrations growing and talent is exiting the region because of this. As quoted by a departing employee "if I'm going to sit in a car for

an hour or more I might as well work in Auckland". Inquires with Transit NZ provided me with the following response..." the situation will only get worse". I understand infrastructure takes time to develop but how many more residential developments north of the Waimak river are either underway or with council awaiting approval without clearly understanding and communicating to stakeholders (tax and rate payers alike) the impact and consequences their decisions will have on our roading infrastructure and ultimately our way of life.