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Kia ora koutou,

I am Ruby Miller-Kopelov, and I live at 1/31 Brussels Street, Miramar, Wellington 6022. My phone number is 0223339647.

I would like to add the following points:

- I SUPPORT all councils ensuring that more homes doesn't mean more emissions. We can do better and make a better, more liveable future for our children!
- I support well-designed, higher-density housing. Continuing to build traffic-inducing greenfield subdivisions of single-family detached houses is simply ridiculous.
- Buildings, streets, roads, parks etc will exist for decades, and how well they're done will profoundly limit (or enable) the people who live there. "Behaviour change" can't do anything meaningful when the entire landscape is pushing against it.
- 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.
- There may well be additional or different policy tools, besides TDM plans, that councils can use to ensure developments aren't private-car-centric. I want to see these provisions strengthened, enhanced, made more sophisticated and more comprehensive rather than diluted.
- I wish also to see councils' planning, regulatory and

consenting teams boosted and upskilled to become more comfortable and confident at doing “density done well” by intensification.

- Finally, I support the provisions for uplifting Te Mana o te Wai, the Blue Belt, creating climate-resilient urban areas, and supporting biodiversity. These provisions, too, can be refined and enhanced but these are things that all councils, of all stripes, should be doing.

Thank you,
Ruby Miller-Kopelov