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To: Transport Regulation <Transport.Regulation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: K Mart Congestion

Kia ora,

I would like to register my disappointment, frustration and anger around the traffic situation created by the Kmart location. Driving Andy Bay Road now is (as predicted) slow, frustrating and quite often dangerous as people become impatient with hold ups. Turning into Macandrew Road, which is something I often have to do is much worse. Long trails of waiting traffic and significantly reduced parking is pushing people into the very narrow South Dunedin streets e.g. Fingal St. Trying to drive Fingal Street between Macandrew and Bayview roads is difficult and hazardous. It is a long, multiple block stretch, essentially one-way with few pull off spaces now every parking space is full. There are multiple intersections with poor visibility due to parked cars. A lot of people live in the surrounding streets in houses with no offstreet parking. The congestion was significant enough with McDonalds being where it is. I find it hard to believe that no one in council saw this consequence back in the planning stage. What did you think would happen? Who are you serving?

Now you are proposing to put a bus stop outside the St Patricks Basilica thereby reducing parking further. This church has a large congregation, many of whom are elderly and unable to walk long distances. Once the church car park is full which is very quickly done then people frequently have to park some distance to attend. We are talking hundreds of people sometimes. When there are funerals this situation is exacerbated, especially as Catholic Social Services utilise the church car park during the week.

Are you going to insist on making a difficult situation worse. To say you want people to leave their cars at home is even more ludicrous than in town. I know many people now who are unable to go to town at all due to mobility problems.

It really does seem big business and ideology rules Council seem to give little thought to traffic management in what is already a busy and congested area.

I wonder if KMart had thought to put their store in Maori Hill if anything like this mayem would have been allowed to occur.

Regards

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