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Hearing for Application for Resource Consent: 55-85 Curtis Street, Karori

Additional Submission from Peter Reimann, representing Trelissick Park Group

I am a retired professional engineer and have been involved with Trelissick Park Group since 2001 and Chairman from 2006.

Since 1991 our Group has been working to restore Trelissick Park in the Ngaio Gorge area to a native bush wilderness, in conjunction with the City and Regional Councils. The Park forms part of the ecological corridor for bird and fish life from the harbour up the valleys to the outer green belt. All the stormwater from Khandallah to Karori ends up in the Kaiwharawhara Stream, which goes through the Park.

Sedimentation from upstream developments carried down by stormwater has always been an issue for us because it covers the stream bed, affecting invertebrate and native fish survival.

We have two concerns, should the development proceed, as follows:

(a) Monitoring for the Duration - The Planning Report on p 24, para 83 in relation to sediment says "the on-site management of the works will be crucial to ensuring that the effects of the works are minimised". The filling will take some years to complete and we are concerned about

- mistakes
- contractor short-cuts.

How sure can we be sure of sufficient monitoring by WCC officers during the progress of the work over such a long duration?

(b) Extreme Rain Events - How can we be certain that the sediment run-off mitigation measures can handle the cloud-burst-type rain events which are likely to be more frequent due to extreme weather associated with climate change?

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