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Dear Sir/Madam

I have read your Focus on the Future submission. As a member of the public, I would like to make the following comments:

- * Stop Urban Sprawl
International research shows that urban sprawl destroys the natural environment, leads to increased travelling time, increased fuel consumption, decreased public transport use and increased social problems. New land releases should be very strictly limited, smaller blocks should be encouraged, and road reserves in neighbourhood areas should be reduced. Local governments should be strongly encouraged to increase density.
- * Increase traditional Energy Prices
By increasing energy prices citizens will reduce their energy consumption, which will reduce greenhouse emissions
- * Increase Fuel Prices
Higher fuel prices will discourage private car usage and increase public transport usage.
- * Increase Water Consumption Prices
We live in one of the driest places on this planet. Yet, water is very cheap, and many people have huge English gardens and large lawns. Higher water prices would encourage people to treat this resource more wisely.
- * Provide more incentives for truly sustainable energy
Provide more financial incentives for truly sustainable energy such as wind and solar energy. It is embarrassing to see how small countries such as Holland and Denmark do so much better job than Australia, which is a very windy and sunny place. And make sure that Alannah McTiernan gets off her high Gas horse. Gas is also a fossil fuel, which won't last forever.
- * Ratify the Kyoto agreement
Put some political push behind our sustainability efforts and show the world that we, too, can reduce the greenhouse gasses.
- * Reduce Main Road's budget
Reduce Main Road's budget in favour of non-car transport modes such as public transport, provision of better cycling facilities and support for establishing footpath. Independent research shows that over 80% residents are in favour of this move. Unfortunately, decision makers tend to be unaware of their constituents' desires.
- * Increase Road Safety
Reduce speed around schools to a maximum of 30 kmh (see, for example, the German experience) during the entire day. Most members of the community do not have children, and constantly forget when they have to slow down around schools (despite heavy advertising). One speed limit would be easier to remember, and would lead to better compliance.
Reduce ability to gain extraordinary drivers licences.
Enforce speed limits on local streets, too.
Make it mandatory to build footpaths on all new roads.
Ensure that a cycle path is built on every new main road.
Provide better bus priority systems.
Provide safe pedestrian crossings
- * Fund Programs to reverse salinity damages

Yours sincerely,

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