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Dear Sir,

I am making an objection on behalf of an organisation: the Karapiro Riverside Estate Homeowners Association (KREHA).

We would like to submit an objection to the existing electorate boundaries.

The Electorate Boundary at Hydro Roadveers off (SH 1) Tirau Road, to include Riverside Lane, alone, in the Waikato Electorate. The rest of Karapiro Village is in the Taupo Electorate.

Riverside Lane is a no exit road with only 20 houses.

Riverside Lane is in the Karapiro Village, Cambridge for Local Body Elections. i.e. Waipa District Council.

The Member of Parliament for Taupo Electorate has her Electorate Office in Cambridge. As the boundary stands at present for General Elections our Member of Parliament for Waikato lives and works on the far side of Hamilton and has nothing to do with Cambridge.

The Waikato MP does not even advertise himself in the Cambridge area!

Geographically, Riverside Lane is in the Cambridge area and not involved with Waikato.

Riverside Lane is in the Waipa District Council area for electricity, water and postal.

Riverside Lane is designated residential, not rural for town planning.

The KREHA Body Corporate believed it was in the Taupo Electorate until I pointed out the anomaly to them.

Suggested Primary Solution:

We wish the boundary to be changed so that Riverside Lane is in the same electorate as the rest of Karapiro Village, Cambridge; that is: Taupo Electorate.

We feel that the boundary should follow the (SH 1) Tirau Road at this point if the Commission’s proposed boundary change is accepted.

(see attached maps. The green line is our primary suggestion.)

We approve of the proposed boundary change which follows the Waikato Expressway.

Suggested Secondary Solution:

If, however, the Commission’s proposed boundary change following the Waikato Expressway is not accepted, we believe the boundary should follow the Waikato Stream to meet the existing boundary.

(See attached maps. The green line is our secondary suggestion.)