

Submissions on the Trails Wellington proposed new mountain bike track in Matairangi.

N m	Name	Submission
1	Chris Birkinshaw	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I am writing in support of the proposed new Mt Vic mountain bike priority trail. The proposed trail would provide an opportunity to open up the Mt Vic trails to a wider section of the mountain bike community, given most of the current trails are suitable mostly for advanced riders and above. The proposed trail also makes use of an area that is currently inaccessible. I support the trail and encourage consideration of ensuring the trail is routed in a way that maintains as much of the local flora as possible, with minimal removal of vegetation, and encourage introducing increased planting of native flora to support soil retention and habitat for local native birdlife.</p>
2	Josh	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I am super supportive of the new Grade 3 trail being built on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>There are already a number of trails on Mount Victoria but many of them are quite technical and difficult. Having a grade 3 trail that caters to all levels of riders from the summit down would be a fantastic addition to the existing trail network.</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Josh</p>

3	Callum Strong	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I'm writing in support of the proposal for Trails Wellington to build a new track on the Eastern side.</p> <p>As a walker with young children, I believe this will help move some bike traffic away from the walking paths.</p> <p>As a bike rider having a grade 3 flow track near the city will mean less driving to other bike parks like Makara Peak reducing my petrol usage.</p> <p>A grade three flow track is ideal for all riders, beginners can roll features and advanced riders can enjoy pumping rolling and jumping in suitable spots.</p> <p>This will make a great addition to Mt Vic as most existing tracks are rooty and gnarly.</p> <p>The track will also improve access for pest control and native bush regeneration.</p> <p>Please approve,</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Callum Strong</p>
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4	Quintin Tahau	<p>Ki te Pūrongo Rangaranga Social, Cultural and Economic Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed trail. I support the proposed new mountain bike trail along the Eastern side of Matairangi. Trails Wellington should be applauded for their coordination of mountain bike trail planning, construction and maintenance for our community. Their plans are clear and well communicated with a long term view and consideration to all interested parties. This is a proposal that will benefit future generations of people who are interested in Matairangi. I am thankful for the positive impact that mountain biking brings to my overall well-being - mental and physical. It has contributed to a significant turn around in my physical fitness, providing me time and space to be with friends in a very healthy environment which in turn positively impacts my mental health. As such, well-planned initiatives like this that encourage mountain biking in our city will receive my support. I also endorse groups such as Trails Wellington and Matairangi Trail Builders for the selfless time and energy spent for the greater good for our community. As a Lyall Bay resident who works in central Wellington I am a regular user of Matairangi to commute, dog walk, trail run and mountain bike. Matairangi represents the bookend to my work day; signalling the start to my day as I drop down towards the city, and the end as a climb over the undulating terrain to Tangi Te Keo. I have the best commute ever. The addition of the new trail will further enhance the network and bring several benefits which are clearly articulated in the trail proposal. It will strengthen the network on Matairangi for all users by moving bike traffic from the western side of the maunga, freeing up many of the trails shared by riders, walkers and runners. Separation of mountain biking from other users where speed differential exists should see a reduction in potential conflict. Clearly marked, well-designed and built trails will further improve safety for everyone. While it is difficult to determine the longer-term economic benefit of this trail, and indeed the entire network, I believe that this will assist in establishing Matairangi as an attractive mountain bike destination given the close proximity to the city. Historically Matairangi has been known for technically difficult trails and the domain of experienced riders, however this new trail and recent enhancements to existing trails will widen Matairangi's appeal to a wider audience to include riders of intermediate to advanced ability. The growth in the number of rangatahi riding on Matairangi due to the improved trails is obvious to any regular trail user - it is a delight to see the younger generation thriving in such a positive and healthy past time. The 2018 BERL Nelson Mountain Biking Economic Study estimates the annual benefits at tens of millions of dollars per annum for Nelson City. While not directly related to Wellington City, it demonstrates the positive impact that mountain biking can have on a city when it is accessible to more people. This alone should be a reason for rate payers to support this initiative, especially given that Trails Wellington is funding the project. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed trail. I look forward to outcome of this process. Ngā mihi nui, Quintin Tahau</p>
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5	Anthony Forlong	<p>Hi, Just want to say I support this new trail. This trail will be a great addition to the existing trail network on Mt Victoria. It will also be a much needed intermediate trail for beginners to progress on.</p>
6	Stuart King	<p>Hi there, I'm a frequent and enthusiastic user of Wellington's trail network; as a walker, MTB rider (commuting and recreationally) and kids MTB coach. I believe the building of this new trail on Mt Victoria/Matairangi will have a very positive impact for users of the area, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt Victoria presently lacks a long trail of a consistent grade - this will be a great addition to the shorter and more challenging trails on offer • I believe much of the Eastern side of Mt Victoria/Matairangi is currently under utilised and is covered in non-native flora (large pine/macropcarpa, decorative cherry and other exotic trees). Creating a new MTB trail is an excellent use of this space and opens up access for additional native planting. • The central location of Mt Victoria/Matairangi makes its trails some of the most accessible in Wellington - this trail is well placed for use by recreational riders and adventurous commuters. • It should reduce the amount of traffic on the shared/bidirectional Hataitai Zigzag trail • Existing work by Trails Wellington shows they are well placed to orchestrate the build quality trails that complement the landscape. • It would complement the excellent Ikigai flow trail built on Waimapihi reserve I would love to see a climbing trail added on the Eastern side to enable the trail to be used without crossing the road. <p>Outside of this proposal, to make access to the Mt Victoria Matairangi trails safer for all users I would like to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional traffic calming measures added to Alexandra road • safer and clearly marked crossings added across Alexandra Road <p>Areas I have concerns about the speed and visibility of traffic include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crossing by the Croquet club/Table Tennis clubs • The crossing by the SPCA carpark - this is fairly blind and I've often come across vehicles travelling at excessive speeds. • The crossing at the saddle (top of Hataitai Zigzag) - again, this is a blind corner that often sees vehicles moving at excessive speeds. <p>I understand Alexandra road is also used by car clubs for race events, I support their continued use of the road and their events. Regards, Stuart</p>
7	Mike Brough	<p>The proposed trail looks awesome. A real benefit will be giving mountain bikers more options and reducing the chance of sharing tracks with walkers. It certainly gets my vote! Mike Brough, Houghton Valley.</p>

8	Kate Duckworth	<p>I love the proposal for the new Mount Vic mountain bike trail. I love flow tracks and would welcome one. This one looks like a nice long track too. We live at Greta Point and we can ride from home to Mt Victoria, which means we will not have to put the bikes on our car and drive to enjoy this trail.</p> <p>Do it!</p> <p>Regards Kate Duckworth</p>
9	Stephen Minchin	<p>Hi everyone,</p> <p>I just wanted to say that I'm HUGELY in favour of more bike trails on Mt Vic (as well as the rest of Wellington). Mt Vic is a unique, accessible, and fun location already for mountain biking and new trails will only improve this. The planned new trail sounds brilliant and will cater to a wide range of abilities, so sounds the perfect addition.</p> <p>I'd be stoked if this went ahead and fully support the proposal.</p> <p>Stephen Minchin</p>
1 0	Mick Clarke	<p>I am writing to support the proposed new mountain bike trail on the eastern side of Matairangi/Mt Vic.</p> <p>The trails in the area are a great resource for the city for both residents and visitors alike. It gives kids and city workers an outlet to do a healthy sport.</p> <p>Note to that signage is important to alert walkers. The signage on Matairangi is generally not up to the same standard as Makara Peak and as such may cause issues unless improved.</p> <p>Mick Clarke Te Aro resident</p>
1 1	Raymond Yee	<p>I fully support the new bike trail. It will open up Mt Vic to a wider range of riders as there will be more grade 3 options available. As Mt VIC is so close to the city it will become a tourist magnet.</p> <p>Regards Raymond Yee</p>

1 2	Jude Murdoch	<p>Dear Pūrora Rangaranga Social, Cultural and Economic Committee,</p> <p>I wish to submit in support of Trails Wellington's proposal to build the Pyramid Scheme mountain bike trail at Matairangi, Mount Victoria.</p> <p>Apart from the Super D trail, Matairangi trail network lacks tracks of any decent length that cater to riders of different abilities - ie, around Grade 3 or 4. The Pyramid Scheme proposal would therefore bring social and recreational benefits by adding a new trail accessible to a wider array of abilities and demographics. This in turn might help reduce the incentive for certain riders to attempt to build unsanctioned trails in the trail network, and therefore steer Council operating costs away from putting up fences and removing those trails towards investing in more trail, conservation, and recreational activities for the wider community.</p> <p>With an excellent record in its first year in 2021, Trails Wellington and its community have proven capable of responsible trail development and opening up mountain biking to the wider community. Having participated in some of this development and seen its benefits, I am confident that the Pyramid Scheme mountain bike trail proposal will prove a similar success.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Jude Murdoch</p>
1 3	Greg Johnston	<p>Just writing in support of the proposed trail, Trails Wellington would like to build.</p> <p>I think this would another great asset to the city, adding to the impressive and very usable network of MTB tracks. I bike on Mt Vic 2 - 3!times a week and it will be great to have another track to chose from.</p> <p>The great thing is that it comes at minimal cost to rate payers, but add so much to the liveability of the city.</p> <p>Greg Johnston</p>

1 4	Nigel Jeffries	<p>Good morning</p> <p>I'd like to provide feedback to the proposed grade 3 MTB trail on the eastern side of Matakairangi.</p> <p>I'm highly supportive of the trail for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It is likely to become a signature trail for Wgtn which will lift the profile of things to do in the city for residents and visitors2. It will better spread the walking and MTB load across Matakairangi results in reduced conflicts and better experiences3. The eastern side is relatively unused for recreation and this recreation use puts the land to higher and better use4. I'm sure planting will be part of the build which will enhance the area5. Getting people out on bikes and walking has long term financial and well being benefits and this track will encourage those activities6. Wellington is known as a MTB destination by residents and those visitoring. But other cities such as Nelson, Qwtn, Rotorua are also catering for MTB and walking. Consequently Wgtn needs to keep lifting its game to remain attractive to residents and visitors7. Wgtn seeks to attract young tech workers and often MTB is their chosen recreation so the trail will increase Wgtn's attractiveness8. This trail will cater for a wide range of riding skill which is ideal but hard to do9. Having a trail such as this right on the city doorstep is a fantastic result and makes the city more attractive from a recreational perspective10. Building infrastructure that caters for recreation that has a small carbon footprint is ideal11. Having Trails Trust fund the trail is a great result and one the council should grab <p>Regards</p> <p>Nigel</p>
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1 5	Simon Randall	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I'd like to give some feedback on the proposed new trail on Mount Vic</p> <p>I live in Lyall Bay and have been mountain biking in Wellington for around 7 years now. Mt Vic is the nearest trails for me and while I love the existing trails, and fully support building new ones, I'd like to see more emphasis given to provide a range of trails the suit all abilities.</p> <p>Mt Vic is steep and the majority of current trails are not suitable for beginners. As a dad of two young kids I would love to see more trails that I can take my children on, which is what Wellington is really missing.</p> <p>Whenever I go to trails areas in other cities, such as Taupo, Rotorua, New Plymouth there are some trails that are suitable for even quite small kids. This is a great way to get them into the sport. In Wellington there are practically no tracks that i could take a 6 year old on, all are either too steep or contain jumps etc. Which is what we have a lot of in Mt Vic.</p> <p>The recent changes to tracks on Mt Vic such as Hippies have made them more technical, with bigger jumps. This seems to only be serving more advanced riders. I think there should be more provisions for riders of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Simon Randall</p>
1 6	Michael Gannon	<p>I am fully in favour of this new trail. It will give Matairangi a long Grade 3 to complement the existing Grade 4 Super D. This will be a great option for intermediate riders, and particularly for kids who are starting out - Mt Vic makes it easy to shuttle up in cars so kids don't have to cycle all the way up. This will give them a great opportunity for learning on a long descent.</p> <p>Let's make it happen!</p> <p>Cheers, Michael.</p>
1 7	Grant Young	<p>Just a quick note to express my strong support for the new proposed trail Pyramid Scheme on Mt Vic.</p> <p>Trails Wellington are doing a great job liaising with the WCC and building well created, safe trails in the Wellington region. The new Con Air, Hospital Jumps and Saddle Jumps have added a much needed variety of trails whilst still being safe for all.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Grant Young BPA, AREINZ Partner</p>

18	Sam Bazalo	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I just wanted to throw a vote in to go ahead and approve this new Pyramid Scheme track on My Vic. It will get so much use and add to an awesome place to go riding within the city.</p> <p>Cheers, Sam</p>
19	Philippa Yasbek	<p>Hi</p> <p>I just wanted to let you know that I'm strongly in favour of the new Mt Vic bike trail. I live in Mt Victoria and enjoy mountain biking but find the trails on Mt Vic mostly a little bit too hard and intimidating (they're very challenging grade 4s). A mellow grade 3 will be a welcome addition. I generally go over to Waimapihi or Makara for a more accessible ride and friendlier grade 4s!</p> <p>Cheers, Philippa</p>
20	Mike Smith	<p>Hi</p> <p>I live In Hataitai with my wife and 2 daughters, we are all keen MTBer's and fully support the new trail proposed for construction on the eastern side of Mt Vic</p> <p>In general this is land that is not utilised and with an MTB track will open it up to the public which will invariably lead to increased native plantings</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Mike Smith</p>

2 1	Ant Simon	<p>I fully support the proposed new trail. There is a need for longer and less difficult trails on Mt Victoria. I have injured myself numerous times on the existing trails because of their difficulties. There is a lack of options for intermediate riders.</p> <p>Mt Victoria trails are well supported by local riders, but they concentrate on a couple of tracks due to the lack of good options apart from riskier tracks. I am a Roseneath resident.</p> <p>Kind regards, Ant Simon</p>
2 2	Arran Whiteford	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Every new trail is a jumps and flow trail. I would prefer a slower more technical style trail, still grade 3. Jumps = injuries, lets build something safer but still fun.</p> <p>Thanks Arran</p>
2 3	Helen	<p>Kia Ora</p> <p>I think it is important that a bike path be made from the rugby club to Alexander Rd. There are many workers and commuters from the Eastern suburbs who travel regularly to Newtown and it is not currently possible to bike to Alexander Rd on a standard bike. Taking bikes off the perilous merge in Constable St is good for everyone and I feel certain it would be well used. It is currently possible to bike over the over bridge from Hataitai to the velodrome but then there is no further bike path connecting Alexander Rd.</p> <p>I have written several times and have had no reply.</p> <p>Nga mihi Helen</p>
2 4	Dave Langrish	<p>Yes yes yes the recent upgrades to the trails on Matairangi have produced amazing riding, very popular, but Hippies and the hospital jumps are short - the proposed trail looks long. Please build it 🍷</p> <p>Dave Langrish</p>

2 5	Richard Drake	<p>Hi, very excited to hear about the proposed new Pyramid Scheme track.</p> <p>I'm 10000% in favour of it.</p> <p>Pse help make it happen.</p> <p>Thanks, Richard Drake</p>
2 6	Iain Campbell	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'd just like to voice my strong support for the proposed new MTB trail on the eastern side of Mt Vic. We are owner/occupiers at 61 Alexandra Rd, so the track will be close by and visible from our house.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Iain Campbell</p>
2 7	Nicole Lew	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I would like to register my support for the newly proposed trail on Mt vic. I live right next to mt vic in Newtown but often take my car to ride at polhill, or Makara peak as the trails on Mt vic tend to be high grades, or short or multi use tracks, built for walkers rather than Mt bikers.</p> <p>An intermediate track would help bridge the gap between the levels of tracks on offer, and the length of new track would make it more of a destination for that ride, and get more use from the skills and jump trails already built, and especially if it were a purpose built mt bike track - a lot more fun to ride than a walking track, and taking riders off walking tracks - where crashes are more likely.</p> <p>It's also immensely helpful for Wellingtonians to be able to enjoy good rides close to the city- to be able to get/stay fit and enjoy the part of the town belt most accessible to the city.</p> <p>It would also be awesome to have that level of track for my three kids to ride, especially from our house, instead of having to go in the car. I know a number of families who would be keen too, as Wellington roads aren't always friendly for kids to ride.</p> <p>Feel free to contact me if you want to know more.</p> <p>Thanks, Nicole Lew</p>

2 8	Evan Powell	<p>Kia Ora,</p> <p>Thank you for giving me the opportunity to engage with discussions around this new mountain bike trail on Mount Vic apparently called “pyramid scheme”.</p> <p>Building a flow trail like this will be a massive leap in a positive direction for kids and the Wellington cycling community. I cannot advocate enough for something like this.</p> <p>I have lived in Squamish, BC, Canada for the last ten years, and I have seen what a pivotal role and positive impact a single flow trail can bring. The trail- “half nelson” in Squamish has changed the town over the last decade, making the town more inviting to beginner riders, and spurring up tons of new food, clothing, and guiding business.</p> <p>This opportunity is only amplified in Wellington, where there are thousands more riders of the trails within just a few kilometres. A trail like this will get potentially thousands of riders a day. It’s a keystone part of the city’s cycling hub to have an accessible flow trail- which Wellington really lacks.</p> <p>A trail that is fun, which advanced riders, as well as kids and families can ride together and progress on will have such a positive impact. The discovery of mountain biking and gave me an outlet as an eager overly energetic kid. Yea I really hope I can share this with my daughter now in Wellington but we need trails that are accessible, open, flowy, and approachable.</p> <p>I also have to say that it is easy to engineer trail like this to avoid crossings/ conflicts with hikers.</p> <p>Nga mihi,</p> <p>Evan Powell</p>
2 9	Matt Far (seek a leak)	<p>Wow the trail looks to be a great asset for the mountain bike community</p> <p>Lets get this happening</p> <p>matt</p>

3 0	Scott Young	<p>Hi</p> <p>This new proposed trail will be an excellent addition to Mount Victoria MTB trails network. Recently, there has been work done on existing trails which have improved these trails, Hippiess, hospital jumps, saddle jumps. I have been mountain biking since 1992 and always enjoy riding up at MT Victoria, as I live in Miramar. Over the years, I have seen the trails improve, especially exiting onto shared trails with walkers, which is much safer for all to enjoy the area.</p> <p>Thanks and best regards Scott</p>
3 1	Mark Walker	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>Great initiative from Trails Wellington, no cost to the rate payer but further enhances Wellington as a destination for MTB tourism. Little or no impact on the bush.</p> <p>Cheers Mark Walker</p>
3 2	John McMillan	<p>Hello</p> <p>I would like to add my support to the proposed new bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi – Mount Victoria. Trails Wellington have been doing a great job of upgrading and maintaining mountain bike trails around Wellington. This new trail gives old and young the opportunity to get outdoors on their bikes and enjoy what Wellington has to offer. There are great trails on Mount Victoria, but it is missing the likes of a grade 3 flow trail. With the addition of this trail there will be more opportunity for intermediate riders to visit these city trails and improve their skills.</p> <p>Kind Regards John McMillan</p>

3 3	Darren Holmes	<p>Greetings</p> <p>What a fantastic plan for a flow trail down mount Vic !</p> <p>The sport is taking off and is enjoyed by young and old .I was up mount Vic last Sunday and was really surprised by the amount of young people riding up there so good to see ! I was also riding and there were young family's walking around with no bother from riders as no riders were using walking tracks !</p> <p>I ride tracks all around wellington and have found riders walkers/runners to all be courteous to each other (have come across the odd person on a bike priority trail no drama a quick word about safety job done .)</p> <p>Wellington needs more trails as mountain biking is booming and a lack of trails will lead to trails already being used becoming overused damaged / dangerous.</p>
3 4	Rob Cameron	<p>Hi all,</p> <p>I think it is very important to add to the mountain bike trail network, as with cycle lanes taking a priority so should the mountain bike track network, as local government is expanding the road network it should future proof the trail network in conjunction, what must be considered is the fact that most of the young children that are engaging in peddle power are focused on trails, these gives the younger generation the skills & confidence, this will result in them growing into confident road cyclist, the wellington area is so suited to cycle trails, walkers have a substantive network already, surly there must be accomodation made for what is a healthy form of exercise for many & growing amounts of Wellingtonians, let alone. That the coolest little Capital in the world has the chance to become a tourist attraction through such forward thinking, when we the greater wellington community add to this network, every Wellingtonian is winning. Thanks for the consideration.</p> <p>Kind Regards Rob Cameron</p>

<p>3 5</p>	<p>Nigel McKissock</p>	<p>Dear Eva and Tim,</p> <p>This is a submission to support the development of a new trail on the eastern side of Matairangi/Mt Vic.</p> <p>Mt Vic has long been the central feature in Wellington’s growth into one of NZ’s prime Mtb locations. It is known for it’s easy access from the central city, beautiful views and as a key location for people in the surrounding suburbs to access quality trails without having to drive.</p> <p>Many of the Mt Vic trails are however on the steep western face, meaning they are more challenging due to their shorter steep pitch and exposed roots, making them unsuitable for newer riders to progress to from the few easier shared walkways.</p> <p>An eastern located flow trail would provide a more welcoming transition to intermediate riders looking to progress and help spread riders out into a lesser utilised area of the reserve.</p> <p>I therefore support the trails Wellington application to build this trail.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Nigel McKissock</p>
<p>3 6</p>	<p>Malcolm Jefferrey</p>	<p>Howdy,</p> <p>Mt Vic is a terrific feature and has been pivotal in Wellington’s growth into one of NZ’s prime Mtb locations. It is known for it’s easy access from the central city, provides an awesome alternate commute for people in the surrounding suburbs, and allows to access quality and challenging trails.</p> <p>Many of the Mt Vic trails are on the steep western face, meaning they are more challenging due to their shorter steep pitch and exposed roots, making them unsuitable for newer riders to progress to from the few easier shared walkways.</p> <p>An eastern located flow trail would provide a more welcoming transition to intermediate riders looking to progress and help spread riders out into a lesser utilised area of the reserve.</p> <p>I utterly support the Trails Wellington application to build this trail!</p> <p>Cheers, Malc</p>

3 7	Matt Far	<p>Mt Vic has long been the central feature in Wellington’s growth into one of NZ’s prime Mtb locations. It is known for it’s easy access from the central city, beautiful views and as a key location for people in the surrounding suburbs to access quality trails without having to drive.</p> <p>Many of the Mt Vic trails are however on the steep western face, meaning they are more challenging due to their shorter steep pitch and exposed roots, making them unsuitable for newer riders to progress to from the few easier shared walkways.</p> <p>An eastern located flow trail would provide a more welcoming transition to intermediate riders looking to progress and help spread riders out into a lesser utilised area of the reserve.</p> <p>I therefore support the trails Wellington application to build this trail. “</p>
3 8	Troy Purcell	<p>I fully support the building of the new trail. Wellington needs new and exciting attractions to stimulate visitor interest and provide opportunities for our economy and amenities to progress.</p> <p>Mountain bike facilities have been shown round the world to provide economic and quality of life benefits and it fits with Wellington's robust outdoor sport focus to expand on these offerings.</p> <p>In addition, a trail on this side of the hill significantly increases the appeal of the Mount Victoria riding experience.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>-- Troy Purcell</p>
3 9	Quin Carver	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I think the proposed trail is an excellent idea, as a local I would love to see a longer trail down the other side of Mt Vic.</p> <p>Riding with my wife and 3 kids we find the shorter trails on the established side not as friendly to ride on especially when mixing with dog walkers and others who enjoy the area. A longer dedicated cycleway would be fantastic.</p> <p>Regards Quin</p>

40	Get Lost Cycling	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>We've seen the plans for the new Matairangi mountain bike trail and wanted to take the opportunity to voice our support.</p> <p>As a business that is based in Mt Victoria and has a high level of engagement with the local cycling community we fully support the development of new, well-thought-out trails in the area.</p> <p>Year on year we are seeing higher numbers of people cycling for recreation, fitness, and transport. The proposed trail will help cement Matairangi's position as a hub for cyclists and will serve as a safe and accessible space for riders to progress their skills.</p> <p>By having a higher number of cyclists in the area the trail will also be valuable to our business. The more people that are riding bikes, the more bikes there are to service and the more sustainable our business is.</p> <p>We're looking forward to engaging with the discussion around the new trail and hope we're able to contribute.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any questions or if there's anything else we can do.</p> <p>Cheers, Koen and Stu</p>
41	Brian	<p>New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail</p> <p>This would be awesome for Wellington and New Zealand</p> <p>This is a submission to support the development of a new trail on the eastern side of Mount Victoria.</p> <p>Mount Victoria has long been the central feature in Wellington's growth into one of NZ's prime Mtb locations. It is known for it's easy access from the central city, beautiful views and as a key location for people in the surrounding suburbs to access quality trails without having to drive.</p> <p>Many of the Mount Victoria trails are however on the steep western face, meaning they are more challenging due to their shorter steep pitch and exposed roots, making them unsuitable for newer riders to progress to from the few easier shared walkways.</p> <p>An eastern located flow trail would provide a more welcoming transition to intermediate riders looking to progress and help spread riders out into a lesser utilised area of the reserve.</p> <p>I therefore support the trails Wellington application to build this trail.</p> <p>Thanks Brian</p>

4 2	Hugo Chisholm	<p>Hi</p> <p>I'm writing in support of the proposed new mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi – Mount Victoria.</p> <p>Mountain biking is a fast growing and incredibly popular sport/activity. It provides fantastic health benefits for participants and economic benefits for Wellington too.</p> <p>Wellington has a great network of trails and I fully support further trails being added. Matairangi – Mount Victoria is unique in offering riding so close to the CBD. While Matairangi – Mount Victoria offers particularly good riding for more experienced riders, perhaps one area that could be improved is trails that are better suited to beginner and intermediate riders. The Proposed Grade 3 trail would, in my view, be a great addition to Matairangi – Mount Victoria and open the area up to more riders, particularly children and beginner and intermediate riders.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Hugo Chisholm</p>
4 3	Thomas Prebble	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Just a quick email to show my support for the new trail at Mt Vic. It sounds like a great, fun trail that will provide more options for riders at Mt Vic. This is a good central location that is accessible for many people without having to drive. We should be encouraging all forms of active recreation! This trail will help to spread riders out over the trails in the area which helps to make it safer for everyone.</p> <p>Looking forward to riding it!</p> <p>Thanks, Thomas</p>
4 4	Davin Murdoch	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am very much in favour of the new mountain bike trail proposed for the eastern side of Mt Vic. I live on Pirie St and I'm a regular rider of the Mt Vic trails. I believe this new trail would be a great addition to Mt Vic trail network.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Davin Murdoch.</p>

4 5	Paul Van Houtte	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I would like to submit my concerns regarding the proposed new Mount Vic Mountain Bike trail on the eastern slopes of Matairangi/Mount Victoria. I am opposed to the proposal for a new mountain bike trail because I believe that there are already too many mountain bike trails on Matairangi. As can be seen on any trail map of the maunga, it is already criss-crossed with official trails, and in addition to these there are many more unofficial/illegal trails created by mountain bikers which branch off from official trails, leaving very few nature areas of significance for our taonga species to be undisturbed or grow. I feel this is a disrespect to the natural and cultural significance of the mountain. The creation of any more official trails will further undermine remaining nature space, via the trail itself, as well as unofficial branches.</p> <p>Many thanks for considering my submission, as a resident of the area.</p> <p>Ngā mihi</p> <p>Paul Van Houtte</p>
4 6	Peter Bennett	<p>Hello</p> <p>I would just like to give some feedback about the proposed new mountain bike trail on Matairangi - Mt Victoria.</p> <p>I think this is a great proposal and would be a real asset for Matairangi - Mt Victoria and Wellington as a Mountain Biking destination.</p> <p>I think the following points back this up:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current trail network on Mt Vic is predominantly grade 4 to 5 and suits experienced riders - there is a real need to add a grade 3 trail to cater to a wider range of riders. • While there are some grade 2/3 trail options they tend to be the dual use walking and biking tracks which after a few rides become quite boring for biking on. • The proposed grade 3 flow trail would really add to the range of trails on the hill and utilise the full length of the space (2km's) and would also help to space out and separate users like bikers, walkers and runners. • With the current trail design and building techniques the trail would be used by a wide range of riders from novice to expert. • The trail development, construction and maintenance is being funded by Trails Wellington so it's costing the ratepayers nothing. <p>Lastly, Wellington is incredibly lucky to have world class mountain biking trails within a few minutes' ride from the CBD. This new trail will further strengthen this position.</p> <p>Regards Peter</p>

4 7	Nicolette Levy	<p>I was very excited to hear about this new trail, and fully support it. I understand that a grade 2 trail is not a possibility because of the terrain, but I hope the trail will be an easy rather than hard grade 3. There is a pool of mountain bikers (particularly older women) who enjoy it for the exercise in the fresh air and bush, but do not seek adrenaline rushes at every bend. At present there is nothing for them (me) on Mt Vic except for the zigzag, which is also very popular with walkers. A dedicated MB trail which I can ride and introduce to my friends will be fantastic.</p> <p>Noho ora mai / Kind regards Nicolette Levy</p>
4 8	Grant Bryden	<p>I would like to express my strong support for this proposal. I am a regular user of the proposed area as both a biker and walker (my wife and I regularly walk the area with our dog). From my experience of riding on Polhill Reserve I believe that well designed dedicated mountain bike tracks benefit both cyclists and walkers. At present Mt Vic is crisscrossed with walking and biking tracks (many of the later being informal tracks) where priority of user is not clear and walker/biker interactions are not always positive. This is particularly so on the eastern side of the hill. A well-designed mountain biking specific track would encourage riders to use the designated track and reduce negative interaction with walkers. My experience with the Polhill trails is that the development of the track also benefits the environment with better weed control and native plantings as bike enthusiasts are encouraged to support the long-term maintenance of the trail and its surrounds.</p> <p>Grant Bryden</p>
4 9	Jon Harris	<p>Hi. I have just noticed this proposal on your website & wish to add my support.</p> <p>This would be a valuable addition to Wellington's mountainbike trails and recreational assets generally, both for locals and another element in the activities to draw visitors to the city. It is particularly attractive being so close to the city. It looks well designed to follow the contours of the hills without the obstacles on the northern side of the road. The whole area on that side of the road is massively underutilised and the track looks well away from houses so I cannot see any downside.</p> <p>As an intermediate ride (at best) it looks like a great addition to the city.</p>
5 0	Colette Mullin	<p>Yes, yes. yes please. I fully endorse the new track. Great addition to a fantastic resource. Brilliant idea, sure it will get loads of use.</p> <p>Colette Mullin Newtown resident and mountain biker.</p>

5 1	Stephen Franks	<p>As a 30 year rider on Mt Vic I applaud this initiative and the proposed route.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Stephen Franks</p>
5 2	John coulter	<p>I support the construction of the new track, the wider the better.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>John coulter</p>
5 3	Tex Graham	<p>I would love to see this trail built. Currently, many of the bike trails in this part of Mt Vic are either Grade 4 (quite challenging) and also slightly disjointed, or they are an easy trail that is also used by walkers/runners with kids and dogs.</p> <p>It would be awesome to have a grade 3 flow/jumps trail that is priority for mtb riders and all links up well. Would be a great addition to Mt Vic.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Tex</p>

5 4	Grant Clarke	<p>Hi WCC</p> <p>I think the proposed track is great.</p> <p>I'm a regular rider at Mt Victoria, live in Mt Cook and work in the city.</p> <p>It is great to have all the trails at Mt Vic!</p> <p>Another trail will help reduce the pressure from riders on the current trails and so reduce maintenance of the trails.</p> <p>I always boast that 15 minutes from my work are some awesome trails.</p> <p>This will also help promote people getting active and so reduce issues like obesity and mental health. It certainly does it for me!</p> <p>It will could add to tourism as seen by Queenstown and Nelson where mountain biking is part of the attractions of the city.</p> <p>Thanks for all the hard work.</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Grant Clarke</p>
5 5	David Bevan-Smith	<p>Hello</p> <p>I just want to add my support for the proposed grade 3 trail 'Pyramid Scheme' on Mt Vic.</p> <p>I think it will be a good trail suitable for all riders.</p> <p>Regards David</p>

5 6	Ross Petherick	<p>Hello</p> <p>I would like to fully provide my support to the proposed new Mt Vic MTB trail. As a resident of the Eastern Suburbs, having additional trails on "this side of town" would be a huge bonus, as these do not require me to "drive there" to go for a ride (compared to say Makara Peak trails). Having purpose built trails close to the city also unlocks the ability for kids/teens to go riding with their mates without having to get a parent to drive them to a MTB park. Just look at the popularity of the revised Hospital Jump line!!!</p> <p>Having a trail designed and purpose built for MTBing will open up the area for more intermediate riders. Many of the current trails were not originally intesnded for MTBing, and so contain a mix of easy sections, interspersed with more technical features that break up the flow of the trail.</p> <p>A dedicated trail on the eastern side of the ridge line also make sense as there are limited existing pedestrian trails on that side of the ridge line. This will lower potential conflicts between riders and walkers.</p> <p>A new trail will also unlock access for ecological activities (planting and weed control) as well as predator control work.</p> <p>So I fully support the idea of the trail being built in this location</p> <p>Cheers Ross</p>
5 7	Nigel Sirisomphone	<p>Mt Vic has been getting stale, and any development to improve the trail network to be accessible to more cyclists has been obstructed by a small but very vocal minority.</p> <p>It's fantastic to see money and time being invested in the hill, and it's going to be great to improve the world class asset that is mt vic.</p> <p>I can't wait!</p> <p>Nigel</p>

5 8	Oliver Martin	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I'm writing to support the proposed new mountain bike trail on Mt Vic, as proposed by Trails Wellington. I think it would be a terrific addition to the trail network.</p> <p>I don't often visit Mt Vic but was up there a few weeks ago and all the young bikers added a real vibrancy to the area. My wife walks up there quite a bit after work and feels a lot safer having more people up there.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to input.</p> <p>Regards Ollie</p>
5 9	Ben Sandle	<p>Hi,</p> <p>This proposed trail would be an amazing additional to mt Vic riding. Currently there is very little intermediate grade trails on mt Vic with most of the riding being grade 5 with a small amount of grade 4 trails.</p> <p>While the super d line is rideable but most riders it has a number of sections that is full of huge roots which is intimidating to people of lower skill levels. A track along the style of hippies running from top to bottom next to Alexandra road would be an amazing additional to mt Vic and Wellington riding. It appears it might cross some existing tracks so if a fast flow trail would need to have those managed to avoid issues with other park users.</p> <p>Regards Ben</p>
6 0	Jay Hodgkiss <jay.hodgkiss@naylorlove.co.nz>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>We are so lucky in Wellington to have Mt Victoria as a riding destination. The terrain type and natural technical features mirror that of some of the worlds best tracks and destinations.</p> <p>The complexity of the interface between housing, vegetation and users mean the MTB tracks referenced earlier tend to be in steep areas and are relatively short.</p> <p>The new bike priority trail proposed in the eastern side of Matairangi would provide a longer trail utilising world class features and terrain. No doubt will it become a Wellington favourite and a trail others will travel to from outside of town.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Jay Hodgkiss</p>

6 1	Shaun Jones	<p>Hi There,</p> <p>I'd love to see this additional trail built in the hills of Mt Victoria. As a local in Lyall Bay and keen mountain biker this would be a great addition to the mtb riding options on this side of the city. Adding the track will enhance the area and enable more people to enjoy the sport and recreation. I hope to see it go ahead.</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Shaun Jones</p>
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6 2	Josh R	<p>Kia ora.</p> <p>I'm a massive supporter of the proposed grade 3 trail being considered on Mount Victoria.</p> <p>I may appear biased based on the fact I'm a mountain biker, however it's a win win for the city for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>Mt Victoria is a real asset in the heart of the city. It offers something for everyone. It's become a magnet for mountain bikers, runner's, walkers and families alike, all out enjoying the bush clad hills and trails. I rode to work yesterday across Mt Victoria in the morning and back in the afternoon via the summit. It was a warm summer afternoon and it was awesome to see so many people enjoying Mt Victoria in harmony. Even better was seeing groups of young people on bikes having fun.</p> <p>I remember as a kid growing up in Auckalnd having access to land like Mt Victoria near my home, we would spend hours safely playing on this land and seeing kids in my backyard in Wellington enjoying Mt Vic is really satisfying. Not all cities are this fortunate.</p> <p>Mountain Biking the existing trails on Mt Victoria are generally considered to be "difficult", you have to be a more advanced rider to enjoy these trails fully, especially in Winter when the trails and mass of tree roots become slippery which scares riders who are not that experienced or confident.</p> <p>The construction of Pyramid Scheme at a grade 3 level will allow riders of all levels to access more of Mt Victoria year round.</p> <p>My son George is almost 5, he rides sections of Mt Victoria with me, most of it is far too technical for him, but there are parts he can roll down safely. To access these sections of trails is peacemeal, if we have Pyramid Scheme he will be able to roll from the top to the bottom of Mt Victoria, with the possible exceptions to a few parts of the trail. How awesome will that be for developing young riders confidence and biking ability.</p> <p>A grade 3 trail allows not just kids access to a fun flowy trail but all riders access, that doesn't really exist in a full length trail right now on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>I understand this proposed trail crosses existing walking trails, there will need to be caution where this track crosses any shared paths, you can easily build some gates that force riders to slow down or stop on these parts of the trails which will reduce any rider v walker accidents.</p> <p>In regards to the removal of fauna to build the trail, typically we see a new planting plan implemented where more native plants can be planted, again benefiting Mt Victoria and once the fauna is established birds will shift in along with other animal species. This has been successfully implemented at Makara and in Aro Valley trails.</p> <p>Hopefully my thoughts and feedback supporting the construction of this new trail are useful.</p> <p>Please email or call me should you wish to discuss any of the points I have raised.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
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6 3	Anthony Edmonds	<p>I am a resident of Wellington city and use Matairangi extensively for recreational purposes. This includes running, walking with my family and two dogs, and mountain biking.</p> <p>I absolutely support the proposed new trail on the eastern side of Matairangi (Mount Victoria).</p> <p>There are a number of factors underpinning my support and desire to see this trail built, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that Trails Wellington recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. • This will be the ideal Wellington trail for WORD to teach children to mountain bike on. When my children did the WORD program in this area they complained that the trails were either too technical and steep, or simply four-wheel drive type tracks. The proposed trail addresses this, and will be popular with these children. It will also be popular with less experience women and men mountain bikers. • Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community. I strongly believe that when people get out on Wellington’s trails they become more interested in helping protect and enhance the environment. Great examples of this include the trapping and planting that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Makara Peak. I think that the development of this trail will encourage people to be more active in enhancing and protecting this area through planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds. I am aware that Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and building the Matairangi Trail Building Group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail. • The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies. • The Haitaitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other user groups like walkers. • Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area, I think that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail. • Thanks to the support of Trails Wellington, the trail is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, yet provides a fantastic recreational asset for everyone to use and enjoy. • I am aware that as part of this proposal Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. I understand that this is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive.
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• As an owner of multiple businesses in Wellington, I am acutely aware of the importance of things like our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality of this proposed trail helps to address this.

One enhancement that Wellington City Council might want to consider is to widen the proposed trail so it can be used by disabled riders. I believe that there are disabled people in Wellington who would ride this type and style of trail if it was available. Disabled mountain biking is a growing activity in NZ and globally. This link provides an insight into this: <https://www.adaptmtb.nz/whatwedo> This would increase the cost of the trail, so would require additional funding from Wellington City Council.

I would welcome presenting to the Councillors during the oral submission process.

Thanks and regards

Anthony Edmonds

6 4	Andrew Jackson	<p>Hi there.</p> <p>There is no mention of who will maintain this trail if it is built. Word on the street is Mt Vic is sorely in need of a regular maintenance crew so will adding another trail compound this issue? Having trails added or 'rebuilt' without a plan for care over the life of the trail concerns me; increases the workload of volunteers. Perhaps trails Wellington can commit to ongoing maintenance of this trail if they are pushing hard for it?</p> <p>Also have concerns about where it exits.</p> <p>Cheers Andrew</p>
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6 5	Stephen Parker.	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback on the proposed mountain bike track on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>My submission strongly supports the track for many reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It enhances options for a popular recreational activity which mountain biking is.• It makes use of the Eastern side of the Mt Victoria ridgeline which overall appears less utilised than the Western or city side.• The mountain bike community has a well-proven record of using tracks, maintaining them, and enhancing the surrounding areas with tree planting.• A well-designed track reduces dual-use conflict, and a track on the Eastern side is likely to divert some riding from the city side which appears to have more walkers.• A well-designed track also enhances greater use. The grading of the proposed track will promote riding by younger and older participants. A number of the tracks on the city side are more technical.• In general, cycling is undergoing a boom. It's is a legitimate transport option for a low carbon future and beneficial to the environment. If this track is built it is very likely to be used by some cycle commuters. A city with good cycle networks creates a world-class reputation.• As a passing observation, the Wellington mountain bike community is growing in size and commitment to working to developing a good network. It can be relied upon to be a good partner in such developments. <p>While my submission supports the network I would also like to see the council ask the trail builder to collaborate on tree planting projects.</p> <p>I offer this submission from the point of view of a Hataitai resident whom I have lived most of my adult life. As someone who regularly both walks and cycles in Mountain Victoria, and generally commutes to the city by bicycle.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Stephen Parker.</p>
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6 6	Harry Hartstone	<p>Hi guys,</p> <p>Avid mtber here, always keen to see new trails in Welly! I heard someone saying something about turning wellington into a biking Mecca and I'm in full support of this new project going ahead.</p> <p>Regards Harry Hartstone</p>
6 7	Ed Haszard Morris,	<p>I'm emailing in support of the proposal for a new grade 3 downhill MTB track on the eastern side of Matairangi/Mt. Victoria.</p> <p>I broadly support the proposed design, with whatever alterations need to be made for safety, environment protection, etc.</p> <p>A track like this would make Matairangi much more accessible to intermediate level riders, and works make a great addition to the existing track network.</p> <p>Ed Haszard Morris,</p>
6 8	Sefton Paske	<p>Please give trail Wellington permission to build this track.</p> <p>It will be a great addition to the the other Mountain bike tracks around Wellington.</p> <p>It will be great for kids aswell, getting them outside being active.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Sefton Paske</p>
6 9	Paul Howell	<p>Wellington is becoming Mecca for mountain biking, with excellent trails being redeveloped throughout the city. With two young children currently very excited about mountain biking, I feel very fortunate to live here as the trail network is a huge source of fun for my family and friends.</p> <p>The one thing that the city lacks is a long flow/jump trail, so the development of this trail would be fantastic, especially alongside the recently re-developed hippies trail at Mt Vic close by. We currently have the excellent Rollercoaster trail at Polehill, but despite being brilliant it's rather short and doesn't link to many other riding options... its also one of its kind in our region to my knowledge, in that its a safe bridge between typical Wellington Grade 4 trails and trails such as K Hole and Mystic Portal which would otherwise be a huge leap, no pun intended. Myself and my family would love to see this trail go ahead!</p> <p>Thanks for your time, Paul</p>

7 0	Mat Hawken	<p>Hello I am writing in with my support of the proposed trail.</p> <p>We only have to look to other cities around New Zealand that have great opportunities for people like myself who's favorite thing about biking is flying through the air on jumps.</p> <p>For example mini Dream line at Wynyard jumps park and the famous gorge rd in queenstown, Lizmore park Wanaka, or the newly built jump specific trails at Christchurch mtb Park And the ever expanding dirtjump learning and progression site-Logyard jumppark in Rotarua.</p> <p>These are all places that have a following internationally an Wellington has a chance to build something really special in the coming future and also to compliment the porirua adventure park.</p>
7 1	Benjamin Plumtree	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Yes, I believe that the New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail should go ahead. I think this would be a great addition the Wellington trail map, without causing any disruption.</p> <p>Thank you, Ben</p>
7 2	Nikki Joseph	<p>Dear WCC</p> <p>Sounds fantastic, to have 2.4km of trail which is in between easy and difficult so close to the city.</p> <p>One of problems with Mt Vic is there is not a lot of intermediate riding. Its either easy or too scary.</p> <p>Waimapihi is also close and what a gift for tourists and Wgtns workers to be able to go for a coffee then a ride then follow up with a beer at one of our many craft beer venues. And the bird life is incredible</p> <p>Nikki Joseph, ICU Nurse Lyll Bay</p>

7 3	Brian Harris	<p>Hi All,</p> <p>This would be great especially if well signposted to keep riders and walkers aware of use. When weather allows there is a lot of people use the area and this would help keep new users safe. So, I'd just recommend the walkers can see an alternate path as well as understanding direction and the use of the new trail.</p> <p>Having it as intermediate with advanced features will be great as a lot of riders can't always do all types. I'm older and feel safe on most tracks but to knowing there are options makes it far more fun.</p> <p>Bottom line, we have 3 MB riders and 4 walkers in the family and agree this would a great addition to our usage of Mt VIC.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brian Harris Oriental Terrace Wellington</p>
7 4	Ellie Pritchard	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I fully support the proposal to build the new trail up Mātairangi / Mount Vic - "Pyramid Scheme". Having a flow trail up Mount Vic would really make this area more accessible to more riders. I would definitely ride Mātairangi more often if there was a flow trail option.</p> <p>I usually stick to grade 3 and grade 4 trails when riding, but I find Mātairangi too techy for me to be to be able to enjoy riding there, so I tend to stay away and ride other places. If WCC were to accept this proposal, it would open up Mātairangi as an area to enjoy mountain biking for a huge amount of riders - local and from far.</p> <p>Hope to hear the feedback out of this,</p> <p>Ngā mihi Ellie Pritchard</p>

7 5	Paul Touhey	<p>Hi</p> <p>I would like to add my support for the proposed Pyramid Scheme on Matairangi Mt Vic.</p> <p>This will add a well-needed grade 3 track that will make the park more accessible to more users. It will also increase the separation of bikers and walkers to enhance safety.</p> <p>I do believe that bike priority tracks should be bike only as the suggestion that they are still suitable for walkers always makes me concerned about the walker's safety. The more separation the better, as evidenced by the separation of downhill on Polhill with the opening of Ikigai.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Paul Touhey</p>
7 6	Max Hardie Boys	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing this submission in support of the proposed new trail 'Pyramid Scheme' at Matairangi.</p> <p>I think that this addition to the current trail network would be another fantastic trail for the mountain biking community in Wellington, that would support a variety of mountain bikers.</p> <p>Wellington has a variety of great riding, and the potential to be a very attractive place for visiting mountain bikers. I think all responsible trail building should be supported as a means to increase tourism to the region as well as encourage health and exercise among the current Wellington population.</p> <p>Under the support of the new 'Trails Wellingt</p>

7 7	Cilla Bennett	<p>Morena</p> <p>I am writing to let you know that I am very keen on the new proposed mountain bike track in Mt Victoria.</p> <p>I think it will be an awesome addition to the Mt Vic trails. The current trails are suited for grade 4+ so this would be brilliant for younger children riding and learning and progressing through WORD. Plus also for adults that are not yet at grade 4 level. I know a number of adults that are keen to have a progressive grade 3 option to be able to ride confidently in Mt Victoria.</p> <p>I also think being a progressive grade 3 it will give more advanced riders the option with features etc.</p> <p>I love the idea that it is being paid for and maintained by Trails Wellington so it doesn't cost rate payers anything.</p> <p>As a Mt Vic local I love being able to both walk and ride in Mt Victoria...this adds another uniqueness to our cool little capital!!</p> <p>Nga mihi Cilla</p>
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7 8	Trails Wellington	<p>This submission is being made by Trails Wellington.</p> <p>Trails Wellington is a volunteer based charity, which is a coalition of passionate locals focused on creating epic trails in and around Wellington. Our coalition partners include Makara Peak Supporters, Wellington Mountain Bike Club, Brooklyn Trail Builders, Matairangi Trail Builders, WORD and Revolve. We have over 2,500 members and have invested approximately \$500,000 into the creation and maintenance of trails in and around Wellington over the last 12 months. This includes enhancing a number of existing trails on Matairangi.</p> <p>Trails Wellington supports this proposal. The factors underpinning our support include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. • This will be the ideal trail for groups like WORD (children riding) and Revolve (Womens’ riding) to teach people to mountain bike on. • Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail. • The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies. • The Haitaitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other user groups like walkers. • Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail. • Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive. • We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.
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• Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.

• We strongly believe that when people get out on Wellington's trails they become more interested in helping protect and enhance the environment. Great examples of this include the trapping and planting that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Makara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage people to be more active in enhancing and protecting this area through planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds.

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79	Alex Arefin	<p>Hi Team,</p> <p>Stoked on the idea, and adding my 2 cents to support the proposal.</p> <p>I have been living in Welly for only about a year now so cannot really give specific advice regarding the trail route but in general I am hugely supportive of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - must be downhill-only by definition, I suppose - mellow gradient loop back to skills/jumps area - several Grad 4 features being "B lines" or extensions to the main Grade 3 "blue" line, e.g. steeper chutes or drops. - a wall ride as an example of the above would be fantastic to have - please no blind step-up jumps with narrow landing next to a rough rock wall like on Hippies (a blue trail as well) - please avoid designs with hard short-distance braking after a speed-carrying feature into a berm or turn as these get destroyed very fast and ruin the flow in case of large maintenance intervals - table-top jumps series, progressively getting longer, are highly encouraged <p>I do not have any safety concerns as Mt. Vic trail system is already a well-known treacherous area, both in wet and dry (albeit for different reasons), so another trail would just add to the mix and will unlikely be more dangerous than an average Mt. Vic trail already existing.</p> <p>With deep respect to your efforts,</p> <p>Kind regards, Alex Arefin</p>
80	Elyse Armstrong	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I fully support the implementation of this proposed track. The area is already popular and providing more routes will have a positive impact and reduce trail congestion.</p> <p>Kind regards Elyse</p>

8 1	Marty Dinniss	<p>As an employer in Wellington City, I strongly endorse this proposal.</p> <p>Wellington needs to do everything it can to attract people to live and work in the city and we benefit from a topography that suits mountain biking.</p> <p>Mountain biking encourages fitness and engagement with the natural environment delivering excellent mental and physical health benefits.</p> <p>Let's make the most of our strengths.</p> <p>Cheers, Marty</p>
8 2	Peter Griffen	<p>Hi</p> <p>This is a fantastic proposal and I think that the council should give it full support and approval.</p> <p>The proposed trail will be a great addition to the existing trails on Matairangi.</p> <p>Cheers, Peter</p>
8 3	Matt Poynton	<p>Hi</p> <p>This is a submission to support the development of a new trail on the eastern side of Matairangi/Mt Vic.</p> <p>Mt Vic has long been the central feature in Wellington's growth into one of NZ's prime Mtb locations. It is known for it's easy access from the central city, beautiful views and as a key location for people in the surrounding suburbs to access quality trails without having to drive.</p> <p>Many of the Mt Vic trails are however on the steep western face, meaning they are more challenging due to their shorter steep pitch and exposed roots, making them unsuitable for newer riders to progress to from the few easier shared walkways.</p> <p>An eastern located flow trail would provide a more welcoming transition to intermediate riders looking to progress and help spread riders out into a lesser utilised area of the reserve.</p> <p>I therefore support the trails Wellington application to build this trail.</p> <p>Cheers Matt</p>

8 4	Stu Farrant	<p>Please find attached some comments on the proposed mountainbike flow track on east of Mt Vic. I am fully in support (with a few caveats) and think it could be a fantastic feature of this sometimes neglected part of the town belt.</p> <p>Happy to chat further but probably don't need to make an oral submission.</p> <p>Ka kite, Stu Firstly, I am fully in support of the proposed flow track and see it as a fantastic way to improve the recreational value of the eastern face of Matairangi/Mt Vic and enable mountain bikers to use the slopes with less conflict with other users. Having spent considerable time in the SE area of the park trapping, planting, weeding and generally exploring I have a reasonably good idea of many of the off track areas and an understanding of ground conditions and hydrology across a range of rainfall events. I therefore see the flow track as a great opportunity to support outcomes beyond just mountain biking and connect more people with the biodiversity and regenerating forest of this part of the city.</p> <p>In terms of alignment, I have considered a few deviations from the currently proposed trail in the lower section from above the Veladrome (at or about SPCA) to the skills area. This section cuts across the headwaters of three intermittent streams and includes some areas of quality regenerating bush which has benefited from ongoing pest control and hand weeding of species such as sycamore, climbing asparagus and Karaka. Having met with trail planners I think there are some clear opportunities to come up with a final detailed alignment that can work with the terrain and ecological conditions to create an awesome asset for the park.</p> <p>In terms of progression of detailed trail design I would raise the following objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid impacts on established indigenous tress (nikau, mahoe, tree fern, parsonsia) and less established plantings where applicable. • Restrict impacts on indigenous trees to those which are considered locally exotic (Karo, Karaka, Northern Hoheria) or fast growing common species (Kawakawa, Rangiora) • Use track alignment to intentionally remove existing weed species (Blackberry, Sycamore, Japanese honeysuckle, Holly, Wattle etc etc) • Avoid tracks causing unintended downstream impacts on freshwater through avoiding concentrated flow paths and integrating soakage basins at appropriate locations. The more recent 'Trevor' track is a good example of where seemingly small trails can result in reasonably significant changes to runoff and downstream impacts • Ensure weed management plan includes post construction phase as new light wells into cut track will cause weed invasion (see 'Trevor'). <p>The following opportunities should be considered in detailed design;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to find alignment that give sufficient 'height' to incorporate an upgraded 'Trevor' into lower reach as opposed to cutting new trail through catchment of Badminton Hall (stream has high indigenous fish values)
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid cutting through gully around 'Shuttle Cock' (i.e use Trevor) as this will likely impact on existing intermittent stream and downstream fish population• Cut and remove existing mature Holly trees where trail goes through area of poplars (near Rugby club)• Drill and poison existing sycamores on slope opposite SPCA carpark• Control Japanese honeysuckle and blackberry (and other exotic weeds) where in proximity to track• Transplant all ferns (and smaller natives) along alignment and replant in proximity• Incorporate existing mature indigenous trees (some large Mahoe) into trail as visual features• Use increased light from track clearance to plant key indigenous species (work with Anita on optimal species) with emphasis on long term ecological corridor through from west side to east.• Manage runoff from track and integrate planted (carex spp) sediment basins at gully heads. These can support infiltration as well as biodiversity (ephemeral forest wetlands) |
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8 5	Alex Litherland	<p>Hiya,</p> <p>Love the work that Trails Wellington are doing: its really revitalising Mountain biking in the city. My only request for the trail is that there's heaps of accompanied native planting along the edges of the trails: it's an opportunity to re-wild Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>Thanks for your hard work</p>
8 6	Martin Robertson	<p>This looks great. I walk up there every day and ride every other. I cant see any clash with existing users. One thing to note is that a road shoulder for runners needs to be preserved on the outside of the corner up from the SPCA access. Maybe a sidefill embankment for the mountain bike track if its roadside at that point.</p>
8 7	Callum Macaskill	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I'm emailing to voice my support for the new grade 3 flow trail planned to be built on Mount Vic.</p> <p>Wellington has become an amazing point of interest for mountain biking, being helped by the newly built trails and refurbishment of existing trails over the last couple of years. A new intermediate trail focusing on flow would help balance the park's offerings, with many other trails being a higher grade and focusing on more technical sections.</p> <p>Cheers, Callum Macaskill</p>
8 8	Robb Morison	<p>Hi</p> <p>It's already tricky to successfully Walk on this green space without coming across riders going flat out. Yes it's a shared space but feel it's becoming more dominated by mountain bikers by the day. I feel the way it's going it's going to end up a mountain bikers only area. The area should be for everyone and to be able to safely navigate the area. How about some new foot traffic only tracks, thought not!</p> <p>Cheers</p>

8 9	Leigh Emmerton	<p>Excellent! I am a frequent user of Mt Vic for running, walking my dog, and biking. I live in Mt Vic. I am a middle aged mum who LOVES a good flow track grade 3 and would get on his baby about 3 x a week I reckon. Can't wait!</p> <p>Nga mihi</p> <p>Leigh Emmerton</p>
9 0	Stefan Vluggen	<p>Hi</p> <p>Let me start by saying that I am a full supporter of providing biking and walking tracks around Wellington. I personally think Mount Victoria could be made into a fantastic space for everyone to enjoy especially if the pine trees were to be removed and the area was regenerated with native bush etc. I digress a little as that's another topic altogether that I could talk about . Let's talk about the proposal for a new MTB trail.</p> <p>I have some concerns with this proposal.</p> <p>Firstly I have seen some rhetoric on Facebook saying that this was going to be for all bikers and that everyone should jump onto the WCC site and support it.. However looking deeper into this I have read that this is for Grade 3 (intermediate) and above riders only. This in itself takes out a big slice of the biking fraternity, which I am not entirely happy about. To say it's for all mountain bikers is a mis-representation of the facts.</p> <p>There needs to be a greater balance with providing more less technical off road tracks in the region. I feel there are already enough grade 3 and above tracks around the region without more being added.</p> <p>Secondly if this track were to proceed I would like to know who will independently assess the track to ensure it is indeed a Grade 3 track through-out its entire distance. All too often I see tracks with a grading that is lower than what in reality it should be. I sometimes wonder if it's the thrill seekers in the mountain bike fraternity who are doing the grading. The assessment should be done by someone who is not biased with their assessment and are basing it on the true definition of what's a Grade 1,2, 3,4 etc track.</p> <p>Finally as a matter of Health & Safety. I am imagining that this track will cut across a number of other tracks that walkers and bikers are using on a daily basis. What is being done to keep the two segregated to protect the safety of the other people using these tracks. Putting up signs is simply not enough to protect the innocent from being run over by a mountain bikers travelling down at speed. The base rule needs to be that walkers etc always take precedence in these situations . Trusting a biker to slow down however when required is a big risk in my view. A bike rider smashing into a walker at speed will undoubtedly cause that person serious injury. The two need to be separated to ensure that this does not occur. If this cannot be done then put simply this track should not be allowed to proceed.</p>

		Stefan Vluggen
9 1	Craig Rofe	I am an avid rider who would be keen to have another trail. Please seek mana whenua input to ensure they are ok with the plan. ----- Craig Rofe
9 2	Nikki Carmichael	Love the trail idea for Mt Vic
9 3	Denise & Martyn	Mount Victoria should be preserved as a walking trail not a playground for bike enthusiasts. It is already dangerous to walk through the green belt because of bike riders – we do not need more trails for them. Thanks

9 4	Amelia Wilkins	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity for feedback on the proposed new trail on Matairangi. I support the new trail proposed by Trails Wellington. As a local walker and biker at Mt Vic it provides great opportunity for people to enjoy the green space we have, and helps resolve trail conflict by spacing out users by further opening the eastern side. Bonus points for Trails Wellington stumping up the cash and expertise.</p> <p>Cheers, Amelia</p>
9 5	Dave Rudge	<p>Hi</p> <p>I think the proposal is good - I have been nervous about the interaction of bikers and walkers, so a new trail will separation would be great. I have come to understand that most walkers and bikers get along fine, are polite and safe (walkers can create safety issues too). Keep up the good work Dave Rudge I do not wish to give an oral submission.</p>
9 6	Miles Potton	<p>Hi there!</p> <p>Just giving my thoughts/opinions on the new trail that's being suggested for Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>As a mountain biker I think its a great idea – the more trails to bring people to the city for mountain biking the better, I currently am living out in Tawa but will be moving back to the city soon and love the thought of more trails up Mt Vic as its my regular.</p> <p>The team at Trails Wellington do an awesome job all round and I hope this goes forward!</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Miles Potton.</p>

9 7	Jack Palmer	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the new mountain biking trail on Mt Victoria. The more specific trails made for mountain biking will allow there to be a clear divide between riding and walking trails. Also it will provide a good descent down the other side of the hill to the Hataitai side with the majority of trails currently located on the town side. Having trails Wellington be able to breathe some life into the trails on Mt Vic has been fantastic and it's great to see more and more people of all abilities out on bikes.</p> <p>Cheers Jack</p>
9 8	Nicole Retter	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I'm in support of this new trail. Wellington has a lack of easier grade 3 tracks for those wanting to grow their skills. This will be a great track - very easily accessible from many parts of wellington.</p> <p>Thanks Nicole</p>
9 9	Bernard O'Shaughnessy	<p>About the proposal for a Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail please advise me:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) how much does the proposal cost 2) will the cost be put into the Long Term Plan, and if so for what year. 3) When is the start date and completion date? <p>Thanks in anticipation</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>Bernard</p>

1 0 0	Chris Meyer	<p>Hi there</p> <p>Id just like to say that I fully support this application to build this track. Mt Victoria currently does not have any intermediate level MTB tracks. Having a track there will allow for progression options for those who are not at the advanced level. It would be just awesome to have such a track so close to the city and I'm sure this will to add to the many things you can do so close to the city without a car which would be a big advantage for those coming to visit Wellington.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Chris Meyer</p>
1 0 1	Matt Mckee	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to submit in favour of this trail. The constant work from the trails team at WCC and new commer trails Wellington has kept this sport alive! Over the recent years it has seen signs of starting to really thrive. I would love for Wellington to become a destination like the Whakarewarewa forest. So, for me the more of these high quality trails all over Wellington the better.</p>
1 0 2	Rosemary Hall	<p>I fully support a new intermediate track on Mt Vic. Please ensure it is as described a flow trail and does not end up with jumps or drop offs. The grading of mt Vic trails seems to steadily increase so they are unrideable for people not prepared to break themselves. Less ambulances and more fun and fitness.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Rosemary</p>
1 0 3	Julia Morton	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I'm a resident of Hataitai and I'm supportive of the new trail development proposed. Both my sons, aged 6 and 9, regularly mountain bike and my oldest son has been going to WORD for a few years. They are very excited by the prospect of the new trail.</p> <p>The new trail will make riding more accessible for kids and intermediate riders. This trail will have a low number of interactions with walkers and allow access for native tree planting. Both the grade and the length of the trail make it an excellent addition to Matairangi and the Wellington area.</p> <p>As a regular mountain biker, I have also been involved in trail maintenance on Matairangi, including shared tracks such Hataitai zig zag. New trails can bring benefits to all users and the environment when done right.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Julian Morton</p>

1 0 4	Keith Tyson	<p>Hi WCC,</p> <p>I live locally to Matairangi in Paeroa Street, Newtown. I regularly ride my mountain bike around its trails usually 2 or more times a week. Also walk my dog there several times a week.</p> <p>I definitely approve of the expansion of the trail network. Only comment I would make is it would be helpful to have separate dedicated riding and walking/running trails to keep riders and pedestrians safe.</p> <p>Many thanks</p> <p>Keith Tyson</p>
1 0 5	Jono Gulland	<p>Kia ora Eva and Nick,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit in support of the new MTB trail proposed for Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>The proposed trail will provide a grade that suits the burgeoning number of people entering MTBing and also more seasoned riders. Matairangi has many higher grade trails that long-time riders will be familiar with and enjoy, however easier grade rides and connections are under-provided in this location. Professional design and build of the proposed trail will assist immensely with a positive rider experience including safety, reduce erosion and degradation of the trail surface, and greatly assist maintenance over the trail life.</p> <p>Wellington has a great network of MTB trails and Trails Wellington is doing a wonderful and effective job of coordinating rider interest and resources in maintaining and developing them. Trails Wellington is a commendable advocate for MTBing and other trail users of the network. I have every confidence Trails Wellington will design, build and maintain the proposed new MTB trail on Matairangi and continue to improve the trails that have grown somewhat organically over the years. In fact, the proposed new trail is a good example of how we can avoid unauthorised trail building in Wellington.</p> <p>Nga mihi maioha Jono Gulland</p>
1 0 6	Jez Weston	<p>I support this new trail.</p> <p>Jez Weston Brooklyn</p>

1 0 7	Jill Ford	<p>Hi</p> <p>I mtb and walk on mt vic every week.</p> <p>I saw the boards but still can't work out exactly where it goes.</p> <p>Please supply a more detailed map.</p> <p>Also will it be level of eg Hippys or more difficult. As it needs to be accessible to a wide range of mtbikers rather than the hard core which tend to be represented by the Trail Trust.</p>
1 0 8	Laura Woodward	<p>Hi Tim and Eva</p> <p>I am opposed to any new mountain biking trails on Mt Victoria. As it stands there are so many on the Western side that the ground has become bare and as a walker it has become a confusing mess of tracks. I enjoy walking the trails on Mt Vic for some peace and tranquillity. This is spoiled by the constant question of 'which track do I take now'? A larger proportion of the ground has become worn down to bare clay and even rock, leading to reduced habitat space for critters, and revealing tree roots which are becoming trip hazards. Any further development of tracks is only going to continue the destruction of this precious area of nature we are so lucky to have close to the city centre.</p> <p>Regards Laura Woodward Mt Cook</p>

1 0 9	Mark Renall	<p>Hi WCC</p> <p>I am the President of Port Nicholson Ponake Cycling Club.</p> <p>Our club organises Road Racing, Track Racing at Hataitai Velodrome, and MTB racing at venues...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makara Peak • Te Rangituhi, Porirua • Belmont Regional Park • Waiu Trail Park. <p>In the past we have run NI Cup and MTBNZ National Champs very successfully at Mt Vic, as well as rounds of our popular MTB Spring Series.</p> <p>We don't run MTB events on Mt Vic anymore because TMP's are complex with the double crossings of Alexandra Rd, and public use of the trails on Sunday's is high, which can create conflicts.</p> <p>This new trail runs on the eastern side, which opens up the possibilities of running a race event from the Velodrome, north and south without crossing Alexandra Rd.</p> <p>For PNP, this would be a very highly valued trail and would encourage us to bring our riders back to the city.</p> <p>Race events are a great way to promote an area.</p> <p>We very much support the proposal.</p> <p>Regards Marco Renall www.pnp.org.nz/mtb</p>
1 1 0	Anna - Kate Goodall	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am in absolute support of the proposed Grade 3 track for Mt Vic. It will make Mt Vic more accessible for intermediate riders, add space for bikers (more tracks to use/spread out on), will increase recreational values of and in wellington. This proposed track is absolutely, positively awesome!</p> <p>Many Thanks Anna-Kate Goodall</p> <p>Anna-Kate Goodall (she/her) Land Protection Advisor/Kaitohutohu, Tiaki Whenua</p>

<p>1 1 1</p>	<p>Kathryn Longstaff</p>	<p>Kia ora, I am writing in support of the proposed new Mt Vic trail. This proposed trail is necessary to make the Mt Vic area more accessible to mountain bikers of varying experience/skills/styles, and make it safer to share the area with walkers and mountain bikers. Currently the network caters to advanced/extreme riders, or is not well-connected for intermediate riders, or uses the busy walking paths, and there is a real lack of flow style sections. Being so close to town and popular with Welly bikers, this trail will be awesome and well-utilised. Can't wait to shred this! Cheers, Kat</p>
<p>1 1 2</p>	<p>John Cordner</p>	<p>Kia ora, From a regular user of Matairangi -Mt Vic as both a walker/runner and mtn biker I support the proposal for the new track on the eastern side of Matairangi. This dedicated track will provide for a cohesive and continuous route on Mt Vic that is missing from city side of the hill. The tracks on the city side are bitsy and disjointed. The downhill tracks are often used by walkers which is dangerous to both walkers and mtber's. A dedicated and purpose built track (funded externally) will be a great result for Mt vic and the city. I love the work that Trails Wellington has recently completed to upgrade and provide some much need maintenance on the Super D segments of track. I spent some time at the Hospital and Saddle Jumps at the weekend and it was great to see groups of mtbers connecting with each other as they sessioned the jumps. Not only were they talking to each other but they were also talking with walking groups as they walked past and stopped to watch. Its a very social and positive change from that I have not seen in the past. In summary: - Pyramid scheme- I support, it will be a great asset for Matairangi and Wellington as a destination for mtbing. That its externally funded is a huge benefit for the city Ngā mihi, John Cordner</p>

1 1 3	Tadhg Walker	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I am writing in support of the new mountain biking trail on Matairangi.</p> <p>Wellington is a fantastic city to live in. On top of the great cafes, restaurants, bars, museums and theatre we have in our capital, we have great access to the outdoors with a strong network of tracks (walking and biking) over the city. These tracks help encourage people into the outdoors, and provide a fantastic, healthy escape from the hustle of the city.</p> <p>Matairangi already has a well established track network, however there are limited options for long flow trails that appeal to a wide range of riders. This flow trail as a grade 3 will appeal to a broad range of riders, providing a fantastic trail option in Mt Victoria. It will also complement some of the more technical trails currently there, providing a good progression pathway.</p> <p>Wellington can continue building on its current trail network, enhancing its appeal as a city where you can work and play with ease. Flow trails are a jewel in the mountain biking world, appealing to a broad range of riders, from both within the city and outside of it.</p> <p>With Trails Wellington fantastic reputation the track will be a high quality build with minimal environmental impact, providing a fantastic recreation activity in an underutilised area of Wellington.</p> <p>Thanks for taking the time to read why this new flow trail is a fantastic idea.</p> <p>Ngā mihi Tadhg</p>
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<p>1 1 4</p>	<p>Karl Jones</p>	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to offer my support for the new grade three trail on Matairangi.</p> <p>My reasons are the following:</p> <p>1) The new trail is a grade three and will encourage a wider pool of riders to ride Matairangi.</p> <p>2) This style of trail will complement the already existing network which is mainly grade four and five technical trails.</p> <p>3) The Eastern suburbs does not currently have this type of flow and jump trails. This results in riders having to commute across the city to Makara.</p> <p>4) The natural bush and topography will make this a spectacular trial minutes from the central city.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Karl Joines</p>
<p>1 1 5</p>	<p>Peter Rowe</p>	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Sounds like a great idea, the more trails the better, more opportunities for people not get out and be active.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
<p>1 1 6</p>	<p>Parke Englebretsen</p>	<p>This track will be so good for the Mtb community!! also a great use of land.</p> <p>I vote build!</p>

		-- Parke Englebretsen
1 1 7	Hayden Smith	Hi WCC, Just a quick email to show my support of the proposed new flow mtb trail on Mt Vic. I have been an avid user of the existing bike trails on Mt Vic for the past 5 years but am very aware they were quite advanced and not beginner friendly. The proposed trail would help to fill a gap by offering an option for intermediate level riders that hasn't really existed in the time I've been in Wellington (although the upgraded Hippias and the track down to the saddle are a step in the right direction). I am a paid member of Trails Wellington and 100% support the membership funds being used for this initiative. Kind regards Hayden
1 1 8	Dominic Kebell	Mt Vic is the most convenient mountain biking area in the city but does not cater particularly well for the lower intermediates. More trails for them would be great
1 1 9	Jonathan Jackson	To whom it may concern, I'd like to voice my support of the proposed new Mountain-biking trail at Matairangi - Mount Victoria. The planned trail would be an excellent place for Wellington's growing population of recreational mountain bikers to exercise and enjoy Matairangi. In particular, having a new grade three trail will provide an excellent progression trail for those new to mountain biking. Kind Regards, Jonathan Jackson
1 2 0	James Kinsella	It's a great idea, mount Vic only has one line down the spine of the hill and second flow track to allow progression of riding would be a great addition to the excellent trail network and increase wellingtons appeal as an urban mountain biking destination James Kinsella Sent from my iPhone

1 2 1	Dan Forster	Hi, Thanks for the opportunity to feed back on the new trail proposed for the eastern side of Matairangi. I'm very supportive. Many thanks, Dan Forster
1 2 2	Euan Howden	Hi there, I'm emailing to indicate my support for the proposed trail on Mt Vic, a purpose built trail that is designed to manage intersections etc on Mt Vic is a great idea. Cheers Euan
1 2 3	Callum Kennedy	Hi WCC, I'm fully in support of the new trail on the Hataitai side of Alexandra Road on Mt Vic. A grade three track will be accessible to a large range of all ages and abilities and if built to the standards of recent Trails Wellington lead trails it will be sympathetic to the Mt Vic environment and other Mt Vic users. Cheers Callum

1 2 4	Jarek Zdziech	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to voice my support for this project. There are several reasons on which I base my support on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain biking is social and inclusive • It builds a sense of community • It promotes fitness and self worth and positive mental health • Kids, parents, men, women and everyone in between is welcome and joining the sport • It brings more people in touch with nature • the sport engages youths in a positive way • it will make Wellington more appealing for MTB tourism - "if you build it they will come" • It will increases the diversity of trails within Wellington • It will support business like bike shops, outdoor outfitters, restaurants, cafes and bars <p>I look forward to continuing enjoying Wellington's unique and diverse Mountain Biking trail network.</p> <p>Cheers, Jarek</p>
1 2 5	Anne Dowden	<p>Please can you send me a link (or direct details) that provide an overview of the proposed new trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>Thanks Anne</p>
1 2 6	Anthony Bradshaw	<p>Hi</p> <p>The proposed track should be approved as it is creating a community asset where currently there is nothing other than usable green town belt. The trail runs below the road and for it's first section there are no other trails or tracks impacted by this proposed trail.</p> <p>The town belt is suppose to be a recreation area for the city and this trail provides the opportunity for recreation.</p> <p>There will be some people that feel the vegetation should be left as is and allow to continue on with it's slow transformation to native bush. By establishing a trail through this area it improves access and would allow planting of more native trees and scrubs. As we have also seen in Waimapihi trails have allowed more trapping to occur which has enabled a greater diversity of bird populations.</p> <p>thanks</p>

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7		I'd like to express my support of the proposed grade 3 flow trail on the Hataitai side of Matairangi Mt Vic. I support this proposal because riders would benefit from a longer length intermediate flow trail alternative to the technical grade 4+ trails at Mt Vic. Cheers, Sarah

<p>1 2 8</p>	<p>Graeme Corin</p>	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I support the pyramid scheme proposal. The factors underpinning our support include:</p> <p>Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.</p> <p>There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.</p> <p>This will be the ideal trail for groups like WORD (children riding) and Revolve (Womens’ riding) to teach people to mountain bike on.</p> <p>Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.</p> <p>The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.</p> <p>The Haitaitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other user groups like walkers.</p> <p>Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail.</p> <p>Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive.</p> <p>We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.</p> <p>Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.</p> <p>I strongly believe that when people get out on Wellington’s trails they become more interested in helping protect and enhance the environment. Great examples of this include the trapping and planting that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Makara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage people to be more active in enhancing and protecting this area through planting, as well</p>
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as trapping pests, and removing weeds.

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Graeme

<p>1 2 9</p>	<p>Cesar Williams</p>	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I am a member of Trails Wellington. Trails Wellington is a volunteer based charity, which is a coalition of passionate locals focused on creating epic trails in and around Wellington. Our coalition partners include Makara Peak Supporters, Wellington Mountain Bike Club, Brooklyn Trail Builders, Matairangi Trail Builders, WORD and Revolve. We have over 2,500 members and have invested approximately \$500,000 into the creation and maintenance of trails in and around Wellington over the last 12 months. This includes enhancing a number of existing trails on Matairangi.</p> <p>Trails Wellington supports this proposal. The factors underpinning our support include:</p> <p>Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.</p> <p>There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.</p> <p>This will be the ideal trail for groups like WORD (children riding) and Revolve (Womens’ riding) to teach people to mountain bike on.</p> <p>Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.</p> <p>The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.</p> <p>The Haitaitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other user groups like walkers.</p> <p>Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail.</p> <p>Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive.</p> <p>We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.</p>
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Ngā mihi,

Cesar Williams

1 3 0	Wayne Booth	<p>Hi</p> <p>I am just adding my support to the new trail being considered at Mt Vic. I ride alot in the area along with Makara Peak & Mirama.</p> <p>I really enjoy seeing the amount of walkers, runners, and families that share these trails. I dont believe they are for bikes only, as the WCC supports the whole community.</p> <p>Cheers Wayne</p>
1 3 1	Chris Bramwell	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I am writing to oppose the building of Pyramid Scheme by Trails Wellington.</p> <p>I am a Wellington based mountain biker and mountain bike coach, and regularly ride and teach on trails throughout the region.</p> <p>I realise Trails Wellington want to notch up a 'new build' as part of their branding exercise but that money would be better spent maintaining and improving the wide range of trails already available on Matairangi.</p> <p>Previously clubs have pitched the idea of structures to link existing trails across walking paths and I support money being spent on this rather than another basic flow trail. The kind of structure I mean is like a bridge that would link the downward mtb trail which allowed for walkers to walk underneath and avoid some of the near misses and conflict that currently occurs.</p> <p>I am a paid member of Trails Wellington but am not a supporter of the building of so many machine built flow trails as while they are a fast build they require a lot of maintenance, which Wellington's volunteer base will struggle to stay on top of.</p> <p>Kind regards, Chris Bramwell</p>

<p>1 3 2</p>	<p>Blaire Brooker</p>	<p>I support the proposal to build the track on Matairangi, mountain biking is growing massively in popularity, many Wgtn ratepayers get out and ride each week and weekend.</p> <p>Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. I also reflect on the amount of ratepayer money each year goes into rugby and soccer fields.</p> <p>There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.</p> <p>This will be the ideal trail for groups like WORD (children riding) and Revolve (Womens’ riding) to teach people to mountain bike on.</p> <p>Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.</p> <p>Trails in the middle of the CBD is an awesome asset and a really good marketing opportunity for the city, Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.</p> <p>I agree with this viewpoint from Trails Wgtn- Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail.</p> <p>I also agree with this viewpoint from Trails Wgtn- We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.</p> <p>Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community and its popularity is increasing all the time. This is probably even more true over the last few years and having the these here in Wellington meaning we have to travel less is a real benefit.</p> <p>I personally have seen when trail building that getting people involved breeds a sense of community and also a want to preserve what we have and enhance, look at all the trapping and tree planting at Makara Peak and Polehill. More of this can only be a good thing. A new trail onto Mt Vic is likely have that impact there as well</p> <p>Regards, Blair</p>
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1 3 3	Allan Wright	<p>Hi WCC team,</p> <p>I support the building of Pyramid Scheme on Matairangi (Mount Victoria).</p> <p>It will be so good for all users of the mount, making it safer and fun, everyone wins.</p> <p>Ngā mihi</p> <p>Allan Wright</p>
1 3 4	Joe Meech	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'd like to support the building of the proposed new grade 3 trail on the haitaitai side of Mt Victoria.</p> <p>The new trail will provide further separation of walkers and riders on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>It will also be an asset to the city at no cost to the rate payers.</p> <p>MTB trails and the exercise they provide is a great support to the mental health of those who use them.</p> <p>Regards Joe Meech</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
1 3 5	Tomas P Fernandez	<p>Hi guys,</p> <p>I just want to say that as a Wellington resident, I strongly support the idea of this new trail in Mt. Vic. Let's make the city even more awesome!</p> <p>Cheers.</p>
1 3 6	David Carlyon	<p>Go for it WCC, support this trail, it will be heaps of fun for young and old and helps build a great community vibe.</p>

1 3 7	J Page	<p>I agree with the following factors that Trails Wellington outlined.</p> <p>Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.</p> <p>There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.</p> <p>This will be the ideal trail for groups like WORD (children riding) and Revolve (Womens’ riding) to teach people to mountain bike on.</p> <p>Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.</p> <p>The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.</p> <p>The Haitaitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other user groups like walkers.</p> <p>Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail.</p> <p>Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive.</p> <p>We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.</p> <p>Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.</p> <p>We strongly believe that when people get out on Wellington’s trails they become more interested in helping protect and enhance the environment. Great examples of this include the trapping and planting that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Makara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage people to be more active in enhancing and protecting this area through planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds.</p>
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1 3 8	Connor Hamill	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I'd like to add my support for the proposed Trails Wellington, mountain bike trail on the east side of Hataitai</p> <p>I live in the area, and it would add another great resource to the Mt Victoria area and will help make Wellington an international mountain biking hub!</p>
1 3 9	Stephen Parker	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback on the proposed mountain bike track on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>My submission strongly supports the track for many reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It enhances options for a popular recreational activity which mountain biking is. • It makes use of the Eastern side of the Mt Victoria ridgeline which overall appears less utilised than the Western or city side. • The mountain bike community has a well-proven record of using tracks, maintaining them, and enhancing the surrounding areas with tree planting. • A well-designed track reduces dual-use conflict, and a track on the Eastern side is likely to divert some riding from the city side which appears to have more walkers. • A well-designed track also enhances greater use. The grading of the proposed track will promote riding by younger and older participants. A number of the tracks on the city side are more technical. • In general, cycling is undergoing a boom. It's a legitimate transport option for a low carbon future and beneficial to the environment. If this track is built it is very likely to be used by some cycle commuters. A city with good cycle networks creates a world-class reputation. • As a passing observation, the Wellington mountain bike community is growing in size and commitment to working to developing a good network. It can be relied upon to be a good partner in such developments. <p>While my submission supports the network I would also like to see the council ask the trail builder to collaborate on tree planting projects.</p> <p>I offer this submission from the point of view of a Hataitai resident whom I have lived most of my adult life. As someone who regularly both walks and cycles in Mountain Victoria, and generally commutes to the city by bicycle.</p>

Regards,

Stephen Parker.

1 4 0	Jane Lamb	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I am writing to support the proposed mountain bike trail on the eastern side of Mt Victoria.</p> <p>I understand the proposed track will be built at a Grade 3 level and would like to encourage the track building to maximise usage by ensuring that it is an 'easier' rather than 'harder' Grade 3 track. Current tracks on Mt Victoria are targeted at experienced, skilled riders and there is an absence of tracks for younger, less experienced and less skilled riders. It would be good if 'easy' track options could be provided as part of the building process.</p> <p>As a walker on Mt Victoria as well, minimising track crossing and good signage are also important to me.</p> <p>Nga mihi Jane</p> <p>Jane Lamb Hataitai resident</p>
1 4 1	Nigel Allan Hefford	<p>The proposed route cuts across most of the regenerating native bush.</p> <p>The bush is ready being damaged by the existing MTB activity.</p> <p>We are finally seeing kereru and kaka on Mt Victoria for the first time in fifty years.</p> <p>Does the council want to destroy the environment our native species need?</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Nigel Allan Hefford</p>
1 4 2	Jo	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I support the building of Pyramid Scheme Matarangi. I think it would be a great addition. I live near the park and enjoy walking and riding there.</p> <p>Thanks, Jo</p>

<p>1 4 3</p>	<p>Max Tebbs</p>	<p>To whom this may concern, I strongly support the pyramid scheme proposal at Mt Vic to create a safer space for all users of the park. Have a great week! Max Tebbs</p>
<p>1 4 4</p>	<p>James Burgess</p>	<p>Hello</p> <p>I'd like to add my support for the proposed trail 'Pyramid' on Mt Victoria. The trail would be an asset to the city and region for my whole family.</p> <p>For me, it will be a flow trail easily accessible from my workplace in Wellington CBD - encouragement to return to the office when my company allows it, rather than working from home to be near my local trails. A lunchtime bike ride is great for work-life balance and some fresh air and exercise helps me concentrate for the rest of the day.</p> <p>My wife enjoys mountain biking, but not the narrow and rooty trails forming much of Mt Vic. For her it will open up a new riding area.</p> <p>My daughter is just starting to ride trails. For her, it will be an opportunity to learn and progress in a setting close to the city centre.</p> <p>For all of us, the trail will offer another place we can ride without needing to drive to a trailhead first. We're keen to cut down on our urban driving.</p> <p>The trail that Trails Wellington proposes looks wonderful. It has our full support.</p> <p>James Burgess</p>

1	Anne Dowden	Hi
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5		<p>I am a women cyclist/MTBer that loves flow tracks and I'm happy on Grades 3 and 4s - so this new track will definately be used and enjoyed by me! My husband and teenage sons also cycle - one son mainly only cycles to commute/does family road recreation cycling; the other son does all levels of MTBing. Us parents are cycle commuters, recreational cyclists (cafe rides), road cyclists and OG MTBers. I've supported my family and others to ride for many years - being the Mum taxi and adult on rides to bike parks all over the wider Wellington region for my family and teen friends.</p>
<p>I strongly support a grade three track at Matairangi - Mount Victoria</p>		
<p>1. It will allow more women, girls and new cyclists to make better use of Matairangi.</p>		
<p>2. It's supportive of sustainable recreation - it's a good location for teens to recreate independently (fewer car trips by Mum!) and it's close enough for a large swathe of Wellington MTBers to ride there.</p>		
<p>3. It is supportive of family recreation - as young cyclists can advance to grade 4 tracks in the area while their parents can still enjoy local MTBing (while providing taxi services!)</p>		
<p>Improvements / important inclusions</p>		
<p>1. There needs to be a safe, seperated (from cars) and clearly marked one-way uphill MTBing route to the start of this track. More inexperienced, young and timid cyclists using the road will be dangerous.</p>		
<p>2. The exit/end needs to be reconsidered - there is far too much busy traffic at WellingtonRd/Ruahine street for younger/less experienced/more timid cyclists. Maybe an obvious finish and staging area is at a revamped skills area (with new skills obstacles and progessive jumps; maybe a kids pump track, picnic tables, water, tool station) makes more sense? I think a short 'extra' track down to the road still has its place for those cycling to/from home; so I personally would like an access track that goes down to the road, because as a commuter cyclist, I know I would be safe - but I would have been horrified to end up there a fer years back with two or three traffic-novice kids in tow.</p>		
<p>3. An education package for walkers and much more clear marking of the bike priority track status - for all bike priority MTBing trails - explaining how dangerous it is for walkers/runners and MTBers when pedestrians use MTB priority tracks.</p>		
<p>4. Consider the needs of families with less abled/disablaed family members - who may want to watch their MTBers and participate in a picnic - such as disabled siblings, parents and grandparents. Consider adding in disabled car parking where the skills area grass meets Alexandra road; and a slightly better path (mobility suitable) down to the skills area. In time, this area could also include a coffee cart park, toilets, and bike wash area.</p>		
<p>Thanks</p>		
<p>Anne</p>		

<p>1 4 6</p>	<p>John Cleveland</p>	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm providing feedback on this trail proposal as a long-term local resident. I live within 100m of the proposed trail finish and commute over these tracks regularly on my mountain bike. I've also helped build and maintain a number for the bike trails over the last decade, run on the trails, plant trees in the area with a number of conservation groups, and manage the pest trapping for all of this part of the town belt (including running the trap line by the mountain bike skills area).</p> <p>Overall, I support this proposal for a new track on the Hataitai side of Mount Victoria as it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides Grade 3 trails for the less skilled riders (something Mount Victoria is lacking), • Focusses some of the downhill riders onto dedicated tracks with less points of conflict with walkers, • Opens up an underutilised area of the town belt for recreational use as there are no formal tracks in that area for walking or riding, • Largely traverses areas of pine along the roadside, and not much higher value native bush (with some exceptions that will need to be carefully managed on the lower section between the velodrome and the bike skills area). <p>Three suggested changes or additions.</p> <p>1) I strongly object to the current finish location for the track, and suggest it ends at the Mountain bike skills area for safety reasons. Ending the trail on Ruahine Street which is a 70km road with no cycle lane, only a very narrow pedestrian footpath and no return track to get back onto the rest of the trails network is guaranteed to cause conflict on the footpath and/or accidents on the road. Further, the proposed end of the track traverses a bank above the Badminton Hall that has recently been planted with natives by Conservation Volunteers. Ending at the bike skills area provides several easy return options for users on the existing trail network. For those that want to continue they can join into the existing SuperD line along to the grassy area on the corner of Wellington Road (near the roundabout).</p> <p>2) To reduce conflict with pedestrians and vehicles, and to improve safety, I believe there needs to be a downhill track joining into the start location from the summit/lookout carpark. A suggested option could be something like this, which extends the track and means the place where riders cross the road is a relatively straight, slower, quieter stretch as opposed to being right at the main intersection of Alexandra and Summit roads.</p> <p>I think this is needed as riders of this grade 3 flow trail are less likely to use Hippy's, as that is (or was) a bit harder and requires a steep uphill pedal up to the toilet block, then crossing at a busy intersection to get to the current start. The other alternatives are for them to ride down the recently added Summit Road footpath (pedestrian conflict) or the grassy slope below the Byrd Memorial, which is more dangerous as it's steep, used by lots of walkers and ends at speed right at the road intersection.</p> <p>3) With more riders wanting to return up the hill from the Hataitai side there needs to be some thought to options for this. While some will just use the road, that is often scary for less experienced riders due to the narrow widths and high-speed traffic. Another good route is past the velodrome and onto the existing zig zag track to the saddle. This route works OK, but there's a short section of road between the velodrome and MSP rugby clubrooms that gets busy and full of cars in the weekends, causing conflict and this will get worse with more riders. A small link track could be added from the velodrome up to behind the substation where it would join in the existing Zig Zag track.</p>
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Regards
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1 4 7	Gill James	<p>Hi</p> <p>please can you provide a link to the relevant management plan with which the proposed bike trail is inconsistent. Also I would appreciate a more detailed map with key points marked on it.</p> <p>regards Gill James</p>
1 4 8	Jill Ford	<p>Thanks, i guess there isn't more detail at this stage, so I have tried to work out proposed route from my knowledge, walking / MTB there 3-4 x a week. My observation from walking and MTB on Mt Vic for over 30 years is that while I regularly see females walking and running I often don't see another female MTB. But lots of males !!!</p> <p>Yet if you go to Rotorua which has more variety of tracks you see far more females.</p> <p>While Revolve have done a fantastic job encouraging females, as do the WORD programmes, the majority of females have a greater sense of self preservation than males so are not as attracted to black and dark blue trails as males!!!</p> <p>Feedback;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are already a lot of black / dark blue routes on Mt Vic, 2. When I ran the Wild Wgtn MTB Relay we used funds raised to help pay for the zig zag track up from the velodrome to the road and also the track from base of Mt Alfred to the soccer pitch. Both are well used by people commuting by MTB, and kids - as are light blue intermediate tracks. They also link to some of the main tracks and more of this type of track is needed to encourage more newbies, women, families and those who want to just enjoy the natural environment, get some exercise or commute, rather than get an adrenaline high - which is well catered for already on Mt Vic. 3. Currently apart from the two tracks I had funded, there are just the green / 4WD type tracks that have been there for over 30years!! The rest are more 'demanding'. Personally i like Hippys and in an ideal word would love for a couple of the dark blue tracks to be slightly less technical so they are more accessible to a wider range of riders. 4. Finally I would recommend finishing the track at the skills area, it would be safer than ending at a SH and also easier for people to get back up to the road and back onto the other tracks. Give shuttle cock some TLC and improve it so people wanting a more technical ride to finish can go down there. <p>Yes I would be happy to present to council.</p> <p>Jill Ford</p>
1 4 9	Kate Lindsay	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>Just emailing to say that as someone who lives in Hataitai and frequently rides around the Mt Vic tracks, the new proposed track will be an awesome addition to the area.</p> <p>I think it will be really well used and fully support the idea!!</p>

		Ngā mihi Kate
1 5 0	Ian Best	<p>Dear WCC team</p> <p>I write in support of the new MTB trail proposed for the east side if Matairangi.</p> <p>This side of the hill is lesser used and well suited to the proposed trail.</p> <p>Trails Wellington build excellent trails - great for MTB and safe for other green space users.</p> <p>Proposed trail is easy to access and ride a bike to from home (rather than driving to trails elsewhere).</p> <p>It will be a great addition to Matairangi.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Ian Best</p>
1 5 1	John Unwin	<p>I fully support the building of a new mountain bike track on the eastern side of Matairangi.</p> <p>I long run track along the eastern side of the hill will provide some great variety on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>Regards, John Unwin</p>

1 5 2	Trent Mankelow	<p>Hi team. I just wanted to quickly add my voice to the mix.</p> <p>I think that the proposed trail is a superb idea. A lot of the trails on Mt Vic are at the trickier end, and a decent length flow trail makes heaps of sense. I can't wait to ride it!</p> <p>Thanks for listening, Trent</p> <p>-- Trent Mankelow</p>
1 5 3	Carla Appel	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm writing to say that I 100% support the proposed mountain biking trail on Mt. Vic.</p> <p>Thanks! Carla Appel</p>
1 5 4	Joanna Newman	<p>I support this proposal, with caveats.</p> <p>The main reason for doing so is because it will hopefully take some pressure off tracks on the west side of Mt Vic.</p> <p>Tracks there are now so heavily used, including with large groups of kids, that it is often unpleasant for walkers. (Walkers, of course, have to give way to bikers.) The numbers of bikers and the way they ride is also destroying walking tracks and making them extremely rough. There are some places, like the small patch of trees on the hill to the north of the playing field, where bikers have totally destroyed all steps and paths for walkers. It's one of the good regenerating little patches of bush, so it is very sad that they are allowed to ride so hard over the roots of trees, exposing and damaging them. I would like to see this patch of Mt Vic closed off to mountain bikers.</p> <p>There is also some good regenerating bush on the east side of Mt Vic, so please ensure that this is not damaged in creating a new bike trail.</p> <p>In addition, I would recommend not having trails where speeding young bikers hurtle out, end at major 'intersections' of walking tracks. The two which have recently been created on the west side both come out at major intersections and speeding bikers overshooting the end are not a pleasant experience for walkers.</p> <p>Joanna M.A. Newman</p>

1 5 5	Paul Hewitson	<p>Hello Tim,</p> <p>As the manager of Wellington Harrier Athletic club, I'm interested in the proposal for a bike priority trail on Mount Victoria. We are based on Alexandra road and use many of the trails for our club races, children's training and social runs. The most significant is the Vosseler which is run every May. This 5 k loop starts and finishes close to Constable street and heads past the velodrome, across Alexandra road, through Charles Plimmer park, and past the SPCA. The juniors and children's course are different & shorter but run on the same date. This event is attended by several hundred athletes from local regional harrier clubs. We also host 3 other traditional club races on both the western and eastern side of mount Victoria We would definitely request closure to mountain bikes for the Vosseler I can submit maps if you wish to consider Regards Paul Hewitson</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
1 5 6	Paul Dalley	<p>I completely support a new mountain bike Trail on Mount Vic. My only concerns are that continuing access and maintenance of the existing trails on Mount Victoria is maintained. I think it's also important that a mixture of easier trails for intermediate riders but also a selection of harder more technical and challenging trails is maintained. The harder trails maintain the passion of a significant portion of the mountain biking community for riding. They are also "aspirational" for intermediate riders and motivate them to continue riding and developing their skills.</p> <p>Kind regards Paul Dalley</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
1 5 7	Tom Robertson	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>This would be an awesome development for the area and the local community - the opportunity to access a quality intermediate mtb trail on the doorstep of Hataitai to encourage fitness and outdoor recreational activity for young and old would be really worthwhile.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Tom</p>

1 5 8	Ross Topham	<p>Proposed New Bike trail at Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>I think that the proposed new bike trail on the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria is a fantastic idea. It would add to the lovely variety of facilities that already exist in the town belt. The track will help for the enjoyment, fitness, physical and mental well being of Wellington residents as well as visitors to the city. It is important to enhance facilities in the Wellington region with the expected population growth.</p> <p>I enjoy walking and mountain biking various trails in Wellington, appreciating the vegetation, birds, history and vista.</p> <p>Ross Topham</p>
1 5 9	Nick Oscroft	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I live in hataitai and spend a lot of time on matairangi walking, planting natives, and mountainbiking.</p> <p>Im a huge fan of the idea of the pyramid scheme track - excellent riding, keep bikes away from walkers a bit more, fits well with a lot of our ideas of native bush and birdlife development in the area</p> <p>YES In My Back Yard... Please</p> <p>With thanks Nick Oscroft</p>

1 6 0	Gill James	<p>SUBMISSION AGAINST THE PROPOSED NEW BIKE TRACK ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF MT VICTORIA</p> <p>I oppose the creation of this new proposed bike track for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This track will involve major work along the eastern side of Alexandra Road including the removal of native trees some planted fairly recently and only now looking good. One particular patch of recent planting is opposite the track that leads down to the top of Pirie St and, from the map, it appears the track will go right through it. Where trees are not removed, there will be substantial damage to those along the sides of the proposed track. The area affected appears to be areas 1a and 1b in the master plan. 2. The track appears to end behind the badminton courts on Ruahine St. My neighbour and his family have been restoring the stream that comes down in this area and planting appropriate native trees (which I believe were supplied by the council). If the track goes ahead it should not interfere with this area. 3. The proposed route of the track cuts across a lot of other tracks on the eastern side of Mt Victoria – some of these will be walking tracks and walkers will be endangered as bikes move at speed along this new track. This “principle” of shared use of tracks should be abandoned – bikers by the nature of their activity become the dominant activity – they move more quickly than workers and do more harm if they hit anyone. 4. There are a lot of bike tracks on Mt Victoria already and little consideration given to the needs and enjoyment of the other users of the area. Mountain bikers are interested in thrills and do not generally ride slowly on the shared tracks. Sharing tracks with bikers reduces significantly the enjoyment of walkers who cannot feel safe on the walking tracks. While most bikers I have encountered have been considerate they still move quickly and expect walkers to get out of their way. 5. The Mt Vic master plan states “is important to maintain a sense of adventure and discovery in the park. A too high level of development has the potential to limit the value of Mt Victoria for its most regular users who like to wander at will via many interesting and varied route options. This track takes the development to a “too high level of development” – “wandering at will” is less enjoyable when you are watching out for a bike or a number of them to careen down a hill towards you. 6. Track work alters the drainage of the greenbelt causing water to drain where previously it did not. Will Trails Wellington be required to pay for remediation of other parts of the greenbelt or private property? <p>Other related matters</p> <p>A new bike track has just been established on the hill ending at the SPCA carpark. I had understood this to be a maintenance project, but noticed in recent days that the track now cuts close to the walking track on that hill and a lot of vegetation has been removed. It now cuts so close to the walking track that there will be no peace and quiet there. When was consultation on this track conducted?</p> <p>Trails Wellington</p> <p>This group appear to be well-organised and working hard to promote the creation of more tracks around Wellington. Walking is not generally an organised activity. An organised group should not be allowed to dominate those who are not an organised group. Just because they can throw money at this project</p>
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(and others) and so relieve the council of this expense does not mean it should be allowed to happen.

Shared tracks

While most bikers are considerate, their use of walking tracks changes negatively the experience of walkers. Apart from walkers always needing to be alert to a bike descending on them which is not the experience sought by walkers in the greenbelt, the bikes themselves churn up the tracks making them boggy when there is water around or rutted otherwise. Below Alexandra Rd on the Kilbirnie side where a track comes out by the roundabout bikers have taken it on themselves to alter the terrain to give themselves a corner but this was difficult to navigate for walkers, though it has now eroded down somewhat. Bikers making their own alterations to the landscape is a common occurrence.

Biker behaviour

Some bikers alter walking tracks or create their own tracks causing inconvenience and endangering the public. I have experienced young bikers hooning down on the Mt Victoria side and landing on the broad walking track leading to Pirie St. I have also experienced bikers riding down the steps on the south side of the top of Pirie St and landing in front of the bus tunnel. Bikers also ride down the Henry St steps damaging the poorly repaired steps.

I have seen bikers riding along walker only areas and one hooning down the grass (no track) between the treehouse and a group of people sitting near it at some risk to the children who were playing

Consultation

There is a dearth of information provided about this track and its expected impacts, other than a very substandard map which has no identifying markers on it so that people can understand easily where it goes. I do appreciate the large number of signs around in the greenbelt but, on the other hand this is not a good time of year to catch the local users. I discovered this consultation by chance from the council newsletter. I do not always scroll through it since it does not usually have anything in it that is relevant to me. Since you have my email address and that of many other people perhaps you should consider a dedicated consultation email.

Summary

I oppose this and any more bike tracks on Mt Victoria – there has to be somewhere walkers can walk in peace and there should be no more damage to the native flora.

Gill James

1 6 1	Lucy Wise	<p>To the Pūroro Rangaranga Social, Cultural and Economic Committee,</p> <p>As a resident of Hataitai and frequent user of our local Matairangi trails, I strongly support the proposal for a new mountain bike trail down the eastern side of Matairangi (Pyramid Scheme).</p> <p>The less exposed slopes facing Hataitai would provide a more accessible alternative to the steep rooty terrain on the city side of Mt Vic. Many of these existing trails can be intimidating for less experienced riders.</p> <p>Another trail on the Hataitai side would take the pressure off the increasingly popular Hataitai zigzag. This track gets especially busy on weekends, with bikes, runners and walkers going both ways.</p> <p>Wellingtonians are fortunate to have such an incredible recreational opportunity so close to the city centre. I sincerely hope WCC will approve this new trail proposal, as enhancing our urban mountain biking trail network will contribute significantly to the liveability of this amazing little city.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Lucy Wise</p>
1 6 2	Warren Forster	<p>Tēna koura,</p> <p>We have been informed of the proposed new Mount Victoria Mountain Bike Trail via letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/mt-vic-trail.</p> <p>As residents of Hapua Street, we are a little concerned about the potential impact of this proposal on views, noise and wildlife. This is one of the few parts of Mount Vic that does not have cycle trails or walking access, and where the regenerating bush is able to thrive. It is not unusual for us to see 20 tui, 6 kaka and hear several morepork in this area on any given day.</p> <p>We are wondering whether you have reports available, or other documentation, on the following that you can share with us prior to submissions closing on Friday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study: How was the need for this cycle trail identified? Is there a need? Could this trail not start above the bus tunnel rather than near the Mt Vic lookout? Were other options considered? How many users of the track are anticipated and at what times of the day? • Visual impact assessment: Do you have plans or information on the visual impact of the mountain bike trail from streets such as Hapua Street that face Mt Victoria. • Ecological assessment: As mentioned above, there is abundant wildlife in the area, has the impact on this been assessed? <p>If these reports have not been prepared, or these documents are not available, please add our concerns to the submissions, or let us know whether we need to do this in another format.</p>

		Nga mihi nui, Warren Forster & Eva Forster-Garbutt
1 6 3	Logan Westwater	Hi, I bike to work and mountain bike in Wellington and think a grade 3 flow track on Matairangi would be an amazing addition to the city and a long overdue addition to making this hill more accessible to riders of all abilities. Thanks,
1 6 4	Kane Bensemann	I vote build it - looks amazing and would be a great addition to the MT Vic trail network :]

1 6 5	Kath Tate	<p>Hi there</p> <p>Just wanted to voice my support for the Trails Wellington proposal for a new trail 'Pyramid Scheme' on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>There no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). Mt Vic will hugely benefit from having one of these more flowly trails and it will encourage younger newer riders and more experienced riders who can jump rather than roll.</p> <p>Thanks.</p> <p>Kath</p>
1 6 6	John Herrick	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I would like to support the building of this proposed new track It will benefit the city by making it more attractive as a mountain bike destination Regards John Herrick</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows</p>
1 6 7	Nigel Pounds	<p>Hi there I fully support the building of a new trail there's loads of positives one being its a fantastic option for bringing people back into the city for example after riding well go and support another local cafe in the cbd.</p> <p>Nigel</p>
1 6 8	Mark Sherlock	<p>This message is in support of the proposed trail on the eastern side of Mt Victoria I am a Hataitai resident and bike and walk in Mt Vic several times a week as does my family members. This track would be a great addition to the trail network in a part of Mt Victoria that is hardly used at present. Trails Wellington have constructed or upgraded a number of tracks in Wellington and these have all be built to a high quality. I have confidence this track will be of the same high quality and add to the amenity of this area considerably.</p> <p>Thank you Mark Sherlock</p>

1 6 9	Greg Lynch	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am excited to read of the proposal for a new Mt Vic MTB trail on the Hataitai side of Matairangi.</p> <p>I must declare my conflict of interest! I am a mountain biker myself and am passionate about the sport! I live in Mt Victoria and frequently either walk or MTB throughout Matairangi. The current network of trails however is right at (or above!) my skill level and so to have another trail that is of Grade 3 level would be an incredible asset to the city.</p> <p>I am also a physiotherapist working in a private practice clinic and frequently see injuries to MTBers from falling off. I do believe that this is often because cyclist are trying trails above their level of experience. Having a further 'flow' trail close to the city would reduce the amount of injuries, increase the skill levels of riders and ultimately improve the riding experience of users.</p> <p>The city council has done an incredible job at making Wellington a destination point for MTBers and this proposal would certainly only enhance its reputation.</p> <p>Many thanks for considering this application,</p> <p>Greg Lynch</p>
1 7 0	Darryl Spence	Totally support new Pyramid trail
1 7 1	Sarah George	<p>Kia ora, I'm fully supportive of the new Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail.</p> <p>Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.</p> <p>Ngā mihi Sarah</p>

1 7 2	Elizabeth Clement	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to add my Support for the new MTB trail on Mt Vic. Most of the trails on Mt Vic are quite steep and technical and not accessible for new to intermediate riders. I am trying to get my two girls to do more mountain biking but there aren't many trails for them to ride on Mt Vic, and none that are fast and flowy like Pyramid is planned to be.</p> <p>Warm regards, Elizabeth Clement</p>
1 7 3	Andy Steedman	<p>Kia ora - absolutely, 100% support this proposal for a new mountain bike trail on Mount Vic.</p> <p>The wider health, financial and reputational benefits of continuing to develop and improve Wellington's mountain bike network are huge.</p> <p>Please approve this trail and get it built ASAP!</p> <p>Thanks, Andy Steedman</p>
1 7 4	Ben Bielski	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>Just wanted to quickly email my support for this proposed new mtb trail at Mt Vic. The benefits are huge – not just for MTB riders but encouraging participation, wellbeing and a connection with nature across our city. I see limited impact on other parties – walkers or neighbours – and support the direction of travel to make Pōneke more bike friendly and an economic, cultural hub for mountainbiking in our region. I am more of a runner than a cyclist, but really do support this proposal.</p> <p>Ngā mihi, Ben</p>
1 7 5	Kirstin Gibb	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I am writing to support the proposed new trail on the eastern side of Mt Victoria. The popularity of the upgraded hospital jumps has led to an increase in mountain bike use on Mt Vic, and having a dedicated longer track will help ease congestion on the western side, and a purpose built track of this length will be accessible to a wider range of riders and users.</p> <p>Kirstin Gibb</p>

1 7 6	Andrew Smith	<p>I want to voice my support for this trail. The newly upgraded tracks have demonstrated how popular Mt Vic is when we have well built tracks. The downside is that these tracks are under to much pressure now.</p> <p>So I support a new track to not only enhance what we have but take pressure of the already well used tracks.</p> <p>Let's get Wellington moving.</p> <p>Sent from Mail for Windows</p>
1 7 7	Andrew Gasson	<p>Hi</p> <p>AFAIK there has been no development (apart form last year) in Matairangi - Mount Victoria since they had the 1997? world cup here. This trail would be an asset to the city to make a great commuter off road option especially to kilbirnie , lyall bay that has very bad bike access . It would also give kids a skill path to develop their skills in biking.</p> <p>I cant see any downsides as it will be professionally built and funded and would be an asset to attracting tourists to our fine city for biking adventures</p> <p>regards Andrew Gasson</p> <hr/>

<p>1 7 8</p>	<p>Patrick Morgan</p>	<p>Kia ora, I support WCC permitting construction and maintenance of the proposed new trail, Pyramid Scheme. Why? This trail will provide a valuable recreation opportunity for the growing number of people biking in Wellington. It will relieve pressure on nearby shared tracks. It is easily accessible, without the need to drive to the riding area. Wellington's trail network is huge asset. It is consistent with our desire to be a compact, low-carbon city with easy links to nature.</p> <p>Other trails have been built and maintained by volunteers. The offer from Trails Wellington to construct Pyramid Scheme is a generous offer.</p> <p>A few concerns I expect the trail design will manage conflicts at crossing points. I expect it will replace and replant any vegetation affected.</p> <p>Regards -- Patrick Morgan</p>
<p>1 7 9</p>	<p>Jeff Tucker</p>	<p>Hi Trails Engagement WCC, I support the plan to build a new mountain bike trail on Matairangi (Mount Victoria).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a member and supporter of Trails Wellington, who are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it would be built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • This new trail will help supplement the other trails in Wellington, with mountain biking growing in popularity and making the most of the topography that Wellington offers • The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in central and eastern Wellington suburbs. • Having recreational assets like this is really important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies. • The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. It is likely that riders will be drawn to the underutilised Hataitai side of Matairangi, which will ease congestion on the city side of Matairangi. • This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. • Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community. <p>Thanks Jeff</p>

1 8 0	Morgan Turley	Great new trail planned, a type of trail that is not common in Wellington, that will be fun to ride for all skill levels. I am very supportive of this new proposed trail.
1 8 1	Cyril Clement	Hi there I would like to add my support for the Pyramid Scheme proposal to build a new trail on Matairangi, as it will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a greater variety of track types. - A good progression for beginner riders taking the next steps. - Increase Wellington as a destination for Mountain Biking - Encourage exercise and people utilising our amazing hills. Best regards Cyril
1 8 2	Andrew Durno	Hi guys Just writing to give my support for this idea ! Will be awesome to have a trailnetwork on that side of mt vic which will easier for up and coming riders Cheers Andrew Sent from my iPhone
1 8 3	Doug Haines	Hi there Please note my personal support for this trail. Great initiative. No cost to rate payers. So good to see people of all ages, shapes and sizes out getting exercise. Great for commuting purposes too. Keep making Wellington a fantastic place to live and play! Please acknowledge my submission. Thank you. DOUG HAINES

1 8 4	Dale Alloway	<p>Hi</p> <p>As a regular user of Mt on my daily commute to work on my mountain bike I am super supportive of a new trail down the eastern side of Mt VIC. I see this as adding a real world class asset that is accessible to a large community of riders with the Wellington CBD and to community groups like WORD that are getting young people out and enjoying and engaging with our outdoors on their back door step. This would also provide a great alternative trail that would take riders away from the west side and reduce contention on that side of MT VIC.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Dale Alloway</p>
1 8 5	Tania Anderson	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>Providing a submission in support of the new trail, as a Trails Wellington supporter.</p> <p>Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.</p> <p>There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.</p> <p>This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city.</p> <p>We are firm believers that providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds.</p>
1 8 6	Richard Hoskin	<p>Hi</p> <p>I would like to express my support for the proposed new Grade 3 trail on the Hataitai side of Mt Vic.</p> <p>This grade and length of this new trail will fill a gap in the Wellington trail portfolio, which will enhance the city's attractiveness to cycling tourism.</p> <p>This new trail will also be built without any ratepayer funding.</p> <p>Regards, Richard Hoskin</p>

1 8 7	Dirk Van Seventer	<p>Hi Eva</p> <p>I support the development of the trail described in this link: New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail Kōrero mai Wellington City Council</p> <p>Mountain biking has become very popular and walking, running and hiking trails are being shared and become congested, especially on Matairangi (Mount Victoria). This trend is likely to continue.</p> <p>For some active people, biking has benefits over running or walking due to lower joint impacts and can be undertaken at more advanced age.</p> <p>With more dedicated trails, the likelihood of “ad-hoc trails” proliferating spontaneously may be less. This is particularly the case at Matairangi (Mount Victoria) and may result in higher levels of safety, less accidents and less claims on ACC.</p> <p>Dirk van Seventer Wellington</p>
1 8 8	Liam Oxley	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I'm sending my support for this new trail to be built on mt vic.</p> <p>Their aren't many long and flowy trails up Mt vic which means not many options for beginner/intermediate riders. This would be a great opportunity for a Mt vic to serve the mtb community better.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Liam</p>
1 8 9	Jonathan Cordwell	<p>hi there,</p> <p>I support the New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail.</p> <p>As a resident of Hataitai and keen Mountain Biker a trail over the Hataitai side has been sorely missing.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Jonathan (Jono) Cordwell</p>

1 9 0	Peter Sandston	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>Just writing in to say that I think the proposed Pyramid Scheme trail is a brilliant idea. It will open Mt Vic up to a wider range of riders and complete an otherwise slightly awkward trail arrangement that turns a lot of people away from the area. It should also reduce biker traffic on the existing eastern trails and make it safer for cyclists, pedestrians and road users, as at the moment riders tend to emerge out on to the road and onto walking paths unexpectedly.</p> <p>I am a Wellington resident, long time mountain biker and general cycling enthusiast.</p> <p>Happy to field any questions.</p> <p>Cheers Peter</p>
1 9 1	Michael Fraser	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>I'd like to voice my support for the proposed new trail on the Hataitai side of Matairangi (Mt Victoria).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it will be great to have trails on the Hataitai side of Matairangi - a proper flow trail is a huge family attraction - see dipper and challenge in Rotorua. Wellington doesn't really have any full flow trails. It will attract lots of new activity. - all exercise is good for the community - Trails Wellington will fund raise for the build and then help with the maintenance of the trail. No rate payer funds will be needed. - continuing to develop trails in Wellington will keep us as a top MTB destination. - good trails attract employees to choose Wellington rather than other centres. <p>Kind regards Michael</p>

1 9 2	Ben Turnbull	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I wish to submit my support for the new proposed trail at Mt Vic.</p> <p>The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.</p> <p>Thanks, Ben Turnbull, Mt Vic resident</p>
1 9 3	Scott De Graaf	<p>Hi WCC,</p> <p>I am a frequent MTB rider around Wellington and believe the proposed MTB trail on Mt Vic will be a great asset to the city. It will create a flow track that lots of people will be able to use, as many of the trails on the city side of Mt Vic are very progressive and not for beginners and intermediate riders. The new trail will also add to Trails Wellington mission of making Wellington the best MTB city in the world.</p> <p>In short I am in full support of this project, please make it happen!</p> <p>Regards</p>
1 9 4	Grant Burley	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>As a long term resident of Mt Vic, and an avid user of its trails as a walker and mountain biker I’m all in favour of building this track.</p> <p>This western side of Mt Vic is under-utilised in my opinion and should be more accessible for people to use. The impact will be minimal and will spread the users of the tracks over the fantastic Mt Vic playground.</p> <p>I hope it is approved.</p> <p>Grant Burley</p>

1 9 5	Jason McDonald	<p data-bbox="504 199 571 220">Kia ora</p> <p data-bbox="504 263 1982 319">I'd like to submit in favour of this trail. As an avid MTBer, trail runner and walker a new accessible trail as proposed will greatly enhance accessibility for mountain biking close to the city and will extend the broader MTB proposition for not only locals but also for regional and international tourism.</p> <p data-bbox="504 359 1635 383">I don't believe there are conflicts with other users, particularly as it will be located on the eastern side of Mt Victoria</p> <p data-bbox="504 422 2004 478">Grade 3 trails are hard to find and I believe this trail will open up riding to many more people and enable older riders such as myself more riding options. I also believe it will enhance sustainability by reducing the need for rider using transport to get to other Grade 3 trails.</p> <p data-bbox="504 518 1467 542">I am confident this will be an outstanding addition to physical recreation options within Wellington.</p> <p data-bbox="504 614 638 638">Kind regards,</p>
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<p>1 9 6</p>	<p>Johnny Tripe</p>	<p>Hi</p> <p>I'm a Mt Vic resident writing in support of the proposed Pyramid Scheme trail.</p> <p>The current challenges my family and I encounter</p> <p>I'm a keen and modestly competent rider. My children and wife enjoy riding too. I ride Mt Vic once or twice each week and find that - at my skill level - the options available to me are fairly limited. Basically, i tend to take the nice little ride from the Alexandra Road saddle down to the velodrome then back up the other side onto Alexandra Road again. My children enjoy this ride too. But what else can we ride on Mt Vic at our skill level? Not very much</p> <p>We tend to go back and forth along the main track above the Pirie St playground. It's obviously not a dedicated biking track so - despite going fairly slow - we tend to get entangled with walkers, sometimes giving them a fright. While I don't see any way to resolve this walker/ biker problem completely, the presence of other dedicated MTB trails will obviously mitigate the risk.</p> <p>My children go to Clyde Quay School. Wouldn't it be great if they and their peers at school could ride freely in Mt Vic? The trails there now are way too hard for them to use.</p> <p>The advantages of the new trail</p> <p>The proposed new trail looks like a fantastic new route that will be accessible for all and will add some diversity to the trail options at Mt Victoria. It looks very family friendly and easy enough for all-comers to enjoy. It's located in a modestly used area that won't significantly impact on non-bikers. It will take the heat off the other parts of Mt Vic where bikers risk hitting or putting the frights on walkers. The local school kids can use it too - along with the new trails on the other side of Alexandra Road and the Velodrome track.</p> <p>other thoughts: retire some existing mtb trails</p> <p>I hope that this is part of a plan to continue to expand Mt Vic as a biking destination for all-comers. There are other parts that are currently bikeable but not that family or low-skill friendly. Despite Mt Vic having always been a mecca for bikers, we are now a poor cousin to other locations like Polhill and Makara - especially for anyone without advanced biking skills. My preference would be to see some dedicated areas for Mt biking, includes upgrades to existing dual use trails (say, around the Mt Alfred Summit/ Alexandra Park area) in order to enhance the quality of biking, make it more inclusive, and connect existing (and proposed trails) in a more useable network.</p> <p>I would also happily see other mtb trails retired in favour of walking-only trails. I think that's a fair compromise for adding trails to Mt Vic. It can be terrifying encountering a fast moving biker - as they come at great pace down all sides of the western face of Mt Vic. It would be great if parents can feel a reasonable level of confidence that their children can roam freely on Mt Vic - or parts of it at least - without fear that their children may be injured</p> <p>Johnny Tripe</p>
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1 9 7	Stephen Wilson	As a local mountain biker I support the development of the proposed Pyramid Scheme and look forward to it's completion, Steve if Roxburgh Street.
1 9 8	Sebastian Bisley	<p>I am writing in support of the proposal to build a new mountain bike trail, funded by Trails Wellington, on Matairangi / Mt Vic.</p> <p>Wellington has relatively few flow trails close to the city centre and with easy access. These sorts of trails are key to establishing Wellington as a genuine mountain bike attraction, with the corresponding benefits for tourism and the local economy. That benefit is at no cost to ratepayers, because it's funded by Trails Wellington.</p> <p>I expect the environmental impacts are minimal, given the area, and note that a more engaged mountain biking community is generally beneficial to the local environment – see the highly successful trails, trees and traps programmes at Waimapihi and Makara.</p> <p>Ngā mihi</p>
1 9 9	Jonny Calder	<p>I wanted to share my thoughts on this proposal.</p> <p>I think it's a great idea. Mt Victoria is so unique in that it offers amazing trails for both walking and riding so close to the central city.</p> <p>Most of these trails were walking tracks or sections built linking these tracks before mountain bike trails were officially built and well built. Therefore they're quite difficult. A grade 3 trial would be a great addition. It would also help to ease any walker/cyclist conflict by providing a bike only trail.</p> <p>My only concern is that flow trails can lead to injury quite easily because they don't have natural obstacles to slow a rider. They are super fun, allow lots of speed and feel safe till something goes wrong. It's then a high speed crash. These trails also need line options for different skill levels. The Queenstown trails do this really well allowing a rider to progress safely. Get them to do it.</p> <p>Need to be super wide.</p> <p>Jonny</p>

2 0 0	Khiry Hewitt	<p>Kia ora WCC team,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the proposed mountain biking trail that is going to be build on Matairangi,</p> <p>The trail itself will be beneficial to not only the existing mountain biking community but also those looking to get into the sport. Having a Grade 3 flow trail will promote use of outdoor recreation areas along Matairangi making it accessible to beginner and intermediate riders - however I am sure it will be enjoyed by riders of all abilities.</p> <p>People will be able to use this trail as an off road option when they are commuting back to the eastern suburbs, removing users from the asphalt and protecting their safety.</p> <p>There are currently no grade 3 trails of this length in Wellington, all of the similar style trails are a lot shorter. They are immensely popular though and an example of this is the Saddle Jumps on the city side of Matairangi.</p> <p>The trail being on the Haitaitai side of Matairangi will ease congestion on the city side. Taking more risk away from walkers competing for trail real estate with the existing shared use trails.</p> <p>Having the trail professionally built will allow for proper drainage techniques to be used creating a more sustainable trail that will complement the Haitaitai side of the mountain.</p> <p>These recreational assets are critically important to making the city a more vibrant and enjoyable place to live.</p> <p>Having an accessible trail will make for a more inclusive place and encourage users from a wider network. With this will come increased kaitiakitanga from the users, they will want to protect, enjoy and preserve this asset for generations to come.</p> <p>One aspect about this trail that I do not agree with is the current name 'pyramid scheme' I believe that this name does not reflect any of the mauri or mana, Matairangi holds. I believe that the name should reflect what the trail adds to the mountain. Not a punny gimmick.</p> <p>As a proud paid member of the Trails Wellington group I am fully in support of this initiative, it will not cost the ratepayers but it will be there for everyone to enjoy. It will be epic and I look forward to seeing work start on this beautiful asset very soon!</p> <p>Nga mihi, Khiry H</p>
2 0 1	Gregory Squire	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I've just spotted this proposal by Trails Wellington to build a new mtb trail along Matairangi.</p> <p>Looks like a great idea. No cost to the council, commuter option for keen cyclists, it doesn't look as if it will impact negatively on the hillside.</p> <p>Go for it!</p> <p>Regards Gregory Squire</p>

2 0 2	Harry Kennedy	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>Let the build go ahead!</p> <p>There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short "Saddle Jumps" section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.</p> <p>Thanks, Harry</p>
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2 0 3	Dan Webster	<p>KKia ora team,</p> <p>I would like to provide a submission on the proposed new Mt Victoria mtb trail.</p> <p>I support the development of this trail for a number of reasons.</p> <p>1. It will greatly benefit the health and overall wellbeing of Wellingtonians. Mountain biking is a good for health and fitness, and is suitable for all ages. More trails means more people riding and fitter and healthier people.</p> <p>2. The trail network needs this type of trail. Mt Vic is a great central location but mainly has rougher grade 4 trails. A grade 3 jumps trail would be hugely popular and fill a big gap in the network, providing progression to the nearby Mystic Portal jumps track. While mystic portal is a great track, it requires riders to practice on smaller jumps. The hospital jumps are testament to the popularity of grade 3/4 jumps.</p> <p>3. Domestic tourism Wellington had an opportunity a couple of years back to be a popular domestic MTB tourism location, but unfortunately we didn't take the opportunities that other regions such as Nelson, Rotorua, Alexandra and Christchurch did in expanding their networks. Wellington lacks the hugely popular and famous trails other areas have - for example firbal and te rere in Nelson, McNearly Gnarly in Queenstown, Split Enz and other in Rotorua or lord of the possums in CHCH. This solution won't be a silver bullet, but alongside other trail development, Wellington could attract the cashed up travelling riders who currently go between rotorua, queenstown and nelson.</p> <p>4. encouraging engagement with the outdoors Mountain biking is an amazing gateway to understanding more about pest control, native species, and our biodiversity. It's hard to get the next generation into these topics in a meaningful way, but mountainbiking, rather than damaging the environment, contributes a lot to our biodiversity - see waimapiphi/polhill trail builders, Makara peak supporters and waiu hill.</p> <p>5. Quality of build My understanding is that an established trail building firm will be hired by the club to undertake the work. This is recommended, as they have experience in mitigating environmental issues and building a sustainable and hardy trail that riders love.</p> <p>I would be happy to speak to this.</p> <p>thanks</p> <p>Daniel</p>
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2 0 4	Sean Duggan	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I'm writing to express my support of the new mountain bike track on Mount Victoria. I'm a life long cyclist, been mountain biking for 33 years and have for years thought that Mount Victoria needed more grade 3 tracks, this proposal seems a very good idea for the area, especially with the easy road access to the start of the trail. Trails get people out doors and exercising, this should be encouraged and other similar initiatives.</p> <p>I hope it gets the go ahead and my daughter and I look forward to riding it when open.</p> <p>Regards Sean (and Tilly) Duggan Karori.</p>
2 0 5	Fiona Pohlen	<p>Hi</p> <p>As an avid mountain biker and runner of all of Wellington's amazing green space, I fully support this new trail.</p> <p>My Vic riding tends to be technical grade 4+ or walking paths. To build a grade 3 trail will make mt Vic riding more accessible to the younger or less confident people . Mtn biking is also a huge tourism pull, and with such amazing rides on the inner city fringe is very unique and special.</p> <p>Keep up the good mahi.</p> <p>Fiona Pohlen Resident of Brooklyn</p>
2 0 6	John Gibbons	<p>This new cycle trail on Mt vic sounds amazing. Hopefully it will go ahead. I fully support it.</p>
2 0 7	Pete Rhodes-Robinson	<p>Hi there, I would like to voice my support for the proposed MTB trail on Mt Vic please! I think the style and grade of this track will be of appeal to a wide range of riders. A lot of the tracks on Mt Vic are quite technically difficult, so its good to have a trail everyone can enjoy. It will also provide a nice direct route from one end of the hill to the other.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>

2 0 8	Gabrielle Nicholson	Just a quick message to say that I'm a Hataitai resident and I support the building of the new trail. Thanks.
2 0 9	Sam Snowden	I am writing in support of the new proposed mountain bike trail on Mt Vic. There is no doubt that a new track will bring more riders to the area, supporting local businesses and making Wellington an attractive place to live and work.
2 1 0	Tim Evison	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm writing to express my support for the proposed new mountain bike trail on the eastern side of Matairangi. This face of Mt Victoria is a hugely under-utilised resource and I believe that the creation of a new trail there will be of great benefit for a number of reasons.</p> <p>At present the riding on Mt Vic is concentrated on the city side, the side shared by dog walkers, people walking and running and others using the main trails to commute from the eastern suburbs into the city and back. While I believe the majority of trail users are happy to share that side of Matairangi, the opportunity to spread the intensity of mountain bike use over a wider area seems like an obvious means of ensuring that the occasional clashes between the various users are reduced.</p> <p>Opening up the eastern face of Mt Vic will also provide easier access for trapping of pests. You only need to ride, walk or run on Waimapihi Polhill to see how expansion of the trail network there has resulted in an increase in birdlife. That same location provides a perfect example of my earlier point about how an increase in separation of the different trail users has positively impacted on the experience for everyone.</p> <p>As a rider, one of the comments I'm used to hearing from people from out of Wellington is that Mt Victoria has traditionally been seen as a confusing network of technical trails which doesn't necessarily make for a great day out for less experienced riders. There seems to be a perception that everything is steep, rooty and too challenging and so, if they only have one day, it makes more sense to go to Makara or Wainuiomata. Recent trail development has gone a long way to changing that perception but having a well-built, flowy Grade 3 trail almost from top to bottom seems like the logical next step. For those who are eventually able to visit NZ from overseas, Wellington may begin to edge out Rotorua and Queenstown as a riding destination if it can provide a bit of everything in one small, compact destination.</p> <p>The mountain bike community is one that is rapidly growing and we greatly appreciate the network we have. I know for a fact that, once built, the new trail will have a willing group of people keen to maintain it. Trails Wellington wouldn't exist without the people behind it recognising the benefits the sport provides on a number of levels. Having that degree of professionalism at the forefront of the development of new trails seems to me to mitigate any of the risks that may have existed back in the days of unsanctioned trails destroying areas of ecological, cultural or social significance.</p> <p>Let's get this built. It'll be another asset to our city.</p> <p>Cheers,</p>

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2 1 1	Ben Taubert	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'd like to show my support for the proposed Mountain bike trail along the Eastern side of Mt Victoria.</p> <p>I think it would be fantastic to have an easy to access beginner level trail close to the heart of the city. This kind of trail is in short supply in Wellington. Building such a trail in central Wellington provides an opportunity to make the sport more accessible to beginners who may be residing around the city center, particularly those with no means of transportation to access other beginner friendly trails, such as those in Makara peak.</p> <p>This would be a great resource for Wellington, and would definitely help to foster growth within the sport, and make it more accessible to beginners in the region.</p> <p>Kind regards, Ben Taubert</p>
2 1 2	Tighes Nutsford	<p>I commute to the CBD by bike from Island Bay and would really value another off road mtb route along Mt Victoria. I currently ride along the trails alongside Alexander Road but a purpose built trail would be a great addition for both recreation and safe commuting.</p>
2 1 3	Paul Sargent	<p>Hi just wanted to express my support for the proposed new trail on Mt Vic - I first picked up a mountain bike a little over two years ago and despite it being my closest trail centre it was a good 6months to a year before I felt comfortable tackling most of the tracks on it at the time (before hippies redo)</p> <p>Mt Vic has some incredible hard technical riding for a city centre location and I wouldn't change a thing on those black trails but its definitely a little lacking in terms of accessible flowy fun.</p> <p>The new hippies/hospital jumps have provided a great social hub, a place to casually jam some jumps while waiting for friends/to be picked up/dropped off. I've made more connections and had more conversations with fellow mtbers there in the last few months than I did in over a year and a half beforehand. expanding that now much more active scene into a longer flow trail that takes advantage of the full elevation is 100% the next logical step. especially a trail more accessible to younger and family oriented riders.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing the work start</p>

2 1 4	Darren Maguire	Hello there, As a middle aged mtber that has recently taken up the sport, I am encouraged by this proposal. It would be a great oppportunity to developpe a fun, moderatley easy trail for people like myself to progress on. I support trails Wellington with this proposal Regards
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2 1 5	Hans Van der Voorn	<p>I live in Christchurch but lived in Wellington for many years and return there frequently to ride with friends . Formerly I was involved in organising MTB races in Wgtn through the PNP club and am a past president of it. I'm also a paid up member of Trails Wellington.</p> <p>I support the development of the new track, which has the interim name of Pyramid Scheme. I am always impressed by the range of MTB tracks in Wellington compared to what we have in ChCh. WCC has been a wonderful supporter of MTB developments over a few decades now. As with ChCh, there is generally a lack of grade 3 trails in Wellington, which can be accessed by a wide range of people.</p> <p>I am including the detailed reasoning below for the new track, which is the same as Trails Wellington has proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails Wellington's members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short "Saddle Jumps" section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. • This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city. • We are firm believers that providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds. • This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi. • Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail. • The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington's eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies. • The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups. • The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that riders will be drawn to the underutilised Hataitai side of Matairangi, which will ease congestion on the city side of Matairangi.
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• We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.

• Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.

Thank you

Hans van der Voorn

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2 1 6	Mark Montgomerie	<p>To Wellington City Council,</p> <p>I support the development of a new mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria. I have been mountain biking on Matairangi since 2006. In my experience, recent trail developments have significantly improved the riding experience, increased safety for riders and other users, and reduced usage of unofficial trails.</p> <p>Trails Wellington and the wider mountain biking community of Wellington has shown, through a number of highly successful trail developments over many years around the region, that new trails can be constructed that are highly desirable for mountain bike users, balancing environmental impact and enabling other users to enjoy the areas. I am delighted by the range and quality of trails within easy reach of the city. However, my use of Matairangi has decreased as other areas in the city have better trails with greater variety,</p> <p>Making this a bike priority trail is important to avoid ambiguity for users who encounter each other on the trail. Good wayfinding/signposting is essential for safety and usability for all users of the area.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.</p> <p>Regards, Mark</p>
2 1 7	Mitchell Green	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I think this new flow trail on Mount Victoria would be awesome as it won't be as scary and more inviting than other trails on the mountain. It'd also be awesome for experienced riders too as it gives more variety of trail to the mountain. I'd love to see a big flow trail up there and can already see it being a favourite of mine as the trail builders always do such an awesome job of everything up there.</p> <p>Cheers Mitch</p>
2 1 8	Judy Cheng	<p>A flow and jumps track (Pyramid Scheme) on the eastern side of Matairangi (Mt Victoria) would be an awesome resource for mountain bikers in Wellington, and would be something a bit easier and different for intermediate riders than what is already available in the area. I support this trail going ahead.</p> <p>Thanks Judy</p>

2 1 9	Daniel Robertson	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I would like to signal my support for the proposed new trail.</p> <p>Wellington is blessed with favourable geography and a fast growing mountain bike scene which is a real asset to the city. We might not have snowy mountains, but mountain biking is about as close as you can get to adrenaline sport fun without snow!</p> <p>It's amazing to be able to get out for a ride at lunch or after work on Matairangi Mt Victoria. A trail like that being proposed will further enhance the attractiveness of mountain biking in Wellington. It's important for a trail centre to have a range of different trails both by length and difficulty and Pyramid Scheme will augment what is already there.</p> <p>Cheers, Daniel Robertson</p>
2 2 0	Mark Donald	<p>Would love to see this happen - the use the new trails in Mt Vic get is amazing, particularly seeing heaps of young kids out there being active.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
2 2 1	Nick Waring	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am writing to express my support of a new grade 3 trail on Matairangi -Mt Victoria. My young son has recently gotten into mountain biking and it would be great to do family rides at a trail so close to our house. Currently the step up from grade 1/2 to Grade 4 makes it hard for novice riders to push their abilities, having this new flow trail would open up the area to more people.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Nick Waring</p>
2 2 2	Ray Tomlinson	<p>Get Pyramid Scheme Across The Line</p>
2 2 3	Campbell Baguley	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I would like to voice my support for the proposed new trail on the Eastern side of the road, down Matairangi. It's a good opportunity to add to the existing trail network, further separating downhill biking from walking/mixed trails, keeping teenagers off screens, encouraging inner city mt biking tourism and so on.</p> <p>Best wishes and keep up the good work</p>

<p>2 2 4</p>	<p>Andrew Young</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>A quick note in support of the proposed new trail up MT Vic. We are a family that rides, and have seen more and more people out riding bikes which is great (regardless of trail difficulty). Last week as an example while we were out riding on Thursday night the carpark and summit at Makara were heaving. The same is happening on MT Vic, so the demand, and more importantly fun and enjoyment is there.</p> <p>It's a big 'tick' in the positive from our family.</p> <p>Kind regards, Andrew</p>
<p>2 2 5</p>	<p>Devin</p>	<p>Hi I just wanted to add my support for this new trail. I think it will be great!</p> <p>Devin</p>
<p>2 2 6</p>	<p>Augyson H</p>	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I am writing this email to support the proposed New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail by Trails Wellington.</p> <p>This additional trail will give an opportunity for mountain bikers (not only from Wellington but from other places as well) to enjoy more mtb tracks in Mt. Vic which will result in an increase of outdoor activity in this area.</p> <p>Can't wait really to have this trail open for mtb shredders!</p> <p>Thanks and all the best, Augyson H</p>

2 2 7	Sheila Hart	<p data-bbox="501 194 607 220">Dear WCC,</p> <p data-bbox="501 261 1312 287">I'd like to express my support for the new trail being proposed by Trails Wellington.</p> <p data-bbox="501 328 2013 411">I am a keen mountain biker, but when I moved to Wellington I found the trails, especially those on mount Vic very challenging, it took me about 5 years before I could comfortably ride on Mt Vic! A lot of work has been done at Makara to open up the park to newer riders and it's fab to see the numbers using the park.</p> <p data-bbox="501 453 1968 507">A grade 3 trail will help open Mt Vic up to novice riders, and those that enjoy a less technical trail. It would be a great addition to the trail network, and furthermore will open up a commuter link for those commuting from the eastern suburbs to town.</p> <p data-bbox="501 549 837 574">And of course, at no cost to WCC!!</p> <p data-bbox="501 616 1061 641">I support all the reasons put forward by Trails Wellington:</p> <ul data-bbox="501 647 2029 1366" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="501 647 2029 702">• Trails Wellington's members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.<li data-bbox="501 743 1968 826">• There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short "Saddle Jumps" section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.<li data-bbox="501 868 1711 893">• This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city.<li data-bbox="501 935 2029 1050">• We are firm believers that providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds.<li data-bbox="501 1091 1413 1117">• This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi.<li data-bbox="501 1158 2029 1209">• Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.<li data-bbox="501 1251 2029 1305">• The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington's eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.<li data-bbox="501 1347 2007 1366">• The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the
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Many thanks
Sheila Hart

2 2 8	Michelle Peglar	<p>Hi WCC team,</p> <p>I'm completely in support of this new trail. Everything Trails Wellington says plus the following:</p> <p>I'm a late to the party mountain biker: I've picked up the sport later in life and I count as obese. But mountain biking is my thing and I am getting stronger and fitter. A trail of this grade is epic for people like me: fun, longer, and a good way to build up my skills. I reckon there's a few people getting into it later in life so having trails like this to help us progress is awesome.</p> <p>Wellington has a huge opportunity to complement the tourism pull of Rotorua and Queenstown. Lots of visitors go to those locations for their bikes parks, and Wellington should be right up there with them. We have so many fantastic parks to ride, and this trail will add to the stoke. Let's get more people visiting our city for the culture, the food, the nightlife AND the riding!!</p> <p>:)</p> <p>Cheers Michelle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trails Wellington's members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.• There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short "Saddle Jumps" section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.• This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city.• We are firm believers that providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds.• This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi.• Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.• The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington's eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is
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Supporting our Affiliate Partners!

The following points are from our Trails Wellington Affiliates, if you're part of any of these groups or want to be, check out their viewpoints below.

WORD - World Off Road Riding department fully supports the proposal for the new Grade 3 trail on Matairangi. We understand how lucky we are to have an already amazing trail network on the doorstep of our CBD. Whilst we run after school programmes and holiday camps on the Matairangi trails, we do find the current network challenging with our younger and beginner kiddos. Recent upgrades to the network like the 'Saddle Jumps' have really helped us to progress riders safely. The development of this Grade 3 trail will help us offer the best experience possible for the next generation of mountain bikers. We're super excited!

Revolve - Revolve Cycling is a big supporter of Trail Wellington's push to build a Grade 3 trail on Matairangi. Wellington is lacking easier and more accessible trails for beginner mountain bike riders and families. This makes it difficult for people to start mountain biking, and we've found that the lack of easy trails has been a deterrent for women getting out on the bike.

Having an easier trail would enable Revolve to introduce more new riders to mountain biking as we would be able to add Matairangi to our list of beginner/intermediate friendly locations. This would greatly expand the number of rides we would host there as it would allow more women in the club to ride there. Currently, despite Matairangi's central location, which allows our members to cycle to the ride instead of driving, all the mountain bike trails are only suited to strong intermediate riders. While Revolve Cycling does have a number of members who enjoy these trails, one of our aims is to help beginner mountain bikers progress. The only other mountain biking trails near the city centre are in Polhill and, while these are greatly enjoyed by most intermediate riders, beginners still struggle with the narrowness and limited sight lines, as well as the steep drop off the side.

2 2 9	Peter Moore	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'd like to support the proposed new mountain bike trail at Mount Vic.</p> <p>In recent years local trail development has favoured more advanced/technical trails leaving a growth gap in intermediate trails that better suit families and less thrill-seeking riders. The proposed trail would be an excellent addition that could be enjoyed by a wide range of people.</p> <p>It will be easy to access by bike too for many residents, without having to load up the car to go to outer trails in the city.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Peter Moore</p>
2 3 0	Mark Angus	<p>Hi</p> <p>I'd like to voice my strong support for this proposed MTB Trail. It'll be a great asset to the city, and it only adds to the area, by enabling mountain bikers an exciting and enjoyable recreational feature, on one of Wellington's prominent icon locations.</p> <p>Yes please!</p> <p>Regards Mark Angus</p>
2 3 1	Sam Barnett	<p>This track sounds amazing and will be a real asset to the mountain bikeing we have in wellington.</p> <p>Kind regards, sam</p>

<p>2 3 2</p>	<p>Cody Westerman</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I'm writing to show my support for the proposed new trail on Matairangi, Mt Vic.</p> <p>This trail would be a huge asset to the mountain biking community in Wellington and in New Zealand as a whole. It will be built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, but will benefit the community in many ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain biking is a huge positive for the health and wellbeing of our community • Great trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills in a safe environment • Draw traffic away from the city side of Matairangi <p>Among many other points which I'm sure other people have pointed out.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my feedback. Cody Westerman</p>
<p>2 3 3</p>	<p>Nick Warren</p>	<p>Hi, just want to add a submission for the new Mt Vic mountain bike trail.</p> <p>I am in full support of this. Wellington has a reputation as a great mountain biking city and this new trail will only add to that.</p> <p>Best regards</p> <p>Nick</p>

<p>2 3 4</p>	<p>Martin McCrudden</p>	<p>I Martin McCrudden support the proposed new grade three flow trail on Matairangi/Mt Vic</p> <p>The new Matairangi Trail will become a great asset for the region. The close proximity to the city makes Matairangi important for wellbeing and fitness of those who work or visit the central city. Currently Mt Vic/Matairangi caters to the Advanced riders and above and the new trail will help fill that gap and provide an easier trail option on the hill.</p> <p>The style of trail is also not something Wellington has much around of, this trail will help groups such as WORD (Wellington Off-road Riding Department) to use as a tool in their sessions.</p> <p>There is also an added positive of being relatively close to Wellington Airport which has Mountain biking Murals up and this trail could help those with a bit of spare time before their flight to potentially do a lap or two before flying out without the added worry about traffic.</p> <p>Finally, the most important thing that goes hand and hand with building mountain bike trails in Wellington is trapping and reforestation access the new trail should create. When the trail goes in, there should be a planting plan created and implemented with WCC input and oversight.</p> <p>Look forward to seeing this awesome asset for Wellington.</p> <p>Regards Martin</p>
<p>2 3 5</p>	<p>Ashley Baxter</p>	<p>new trail looks awesome</p>
<p>2 3 6</p>	<p>Ollie Gilbert</p>	<p>Hi, I live in Roseneath and regularly ride the MTB trails on Mt Vic. I fully support the proposal to develop further trails there and look forward to using them. I don't know the demographic you expect to use the trails, but I am one of a number of people in their 70s who regularly ride on Mt Vic. This would not be a facility for young hoons alone!</p> <p>Ollie Gilbert: sent from my iPhone</p>
<p>2 3 7</p>	<p>Che Lahmert</p>	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I would like to send my vote of confidence regarding the new Mt Vic trails proposal. I have no suggestions as the team involved will build a stunning line.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

2 3 8	Catherine McIntyre	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I am writing to support the proposed new mountain bike trail labelled 'Pyramid Scheme' as proposed by Trails Wellington.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Trail is being built and funded by Trails Wellington with no funding required by the rate payer2. It will be a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington and encourage a wider range of people to ride/use it.3. More people using the trail will encourage more people to get involved with the area's care and maintenance, pest control, weed control and planting, etc.4. A grade three trail can be enjoyed by the whole family and will be great for beginners to develop their skills, which provides health and well-being benefits for all.5. The trail is going to be a grade 3 flow style trail of a decent length. These types of trails are available in other places in NZ but not so in Wellington. Wellington is lacking a variety of trails that attract visitors. Other cities around the country are putting a lot of resources into enhancing existing trails and developing new trails.6. Wellington needs a trail like what is proposed. This trail would be a great commuting option for Eastern Suburb residents and will be easily accessible for these residents.7. Having this trail will ease congestion on the city side of the hill, which is extremely popular with mountain bikers, walkers, runners etc.8. The existing network of trails are challenging for younger and beginner riders. Having a trail suitable for them and to enjoy and be able to ride safely is a huge benefit. <p>Thank you C McIntyre</p>
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<p>2 3 9</p>	<p>Max Uivel</p>	<p>Hi Eva and Tim,</p> <p>I'd like to add my voice to support for development of this trail on the eastern side of Mt Victoria.</p> <p>As a member of PNP Cycling Club And resident of the eastern suburbs I can see broad benefit from the general addition of more trails on Mt. Victoria to increase the appeal of the riding area.</p> <p>I can also see specific benefit to a trail that is on the eastern side and not crossing Alexandra Rd. As you may be aware, the burden of creating and implementing traffic management plans for cycling events is quite prohibitive to running events. On Mt Victoria there are great facilities already in Hataitai Park for running events in terms of ample parking, toilets and club rooms. However any event requiring riders to traverse Alexandra Rd requires the club to have a TMP in place. So I see this trail as adding opportunities for the club to run events without requiring a TMP.</p> <p>So wholeheartedly support this.</p> <p>As an aside I would encourage the Council to consider making a portion of Alexandra Rd from the SPCA up to the Lookout Turn-Off a closed section in Weekends or a routinely closable section to be used for walking, cycling and general recreation.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Max Uivel</p>
<p>2 4 0</p>	<p>Isaac Gosling</p>	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>I would like to voice my support for the proposed Pyramid Scheme trail. I live at the top of Majoribanks Street and so am very close to the existing trails on Mount Victoria. The proximity of these trails is fantastic, but I currently find that the trails available are mainly more technically difficult, steep and narrow in sections for other riders. My girlfriend is new to MTB and we find that there is not many longer trails on Mount Victoria which are suitable for her to ride. This often leads us to driving across the city to access the trails at Makara Peak, which always seems a shame when the potential is there for trails right on our doorstep which would save the short journeys and reduce traffic through the city centre.</p> <p>The proposed trail would also create a more dedicated route down to the other side of Mount Victoria from the top, which would help to reduce riders using the current Walkways which are multi use and can cause dangerous moments around corners with people coming in both directions. I have noticed this as both a pedestrian and when I am on my bike.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Isaac Gosling</p>

2 4 1	Steven Streeter	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I think the proposed grade 3 bike trail is a great opportunity to add another outdoor activity right in the heart of Wellington city. The sport of mountain biking is growing in popularity and I believe it has a strong positive effect on physical and mental health and as well as a great social activity accessible to all ages.</p> <p>Mount Vic already has a few mountain bike trails, but many of them are too steep and dangerous for the average rider or newcomer. The recent work done by trails wellington took the existing super D trail and made it more fun and accessible, while making the trail itself more robust to weather conditions so it requires less maintenance than the existing trail. I have great confidence that the new trail they have proposed will be well built and a great asset to the current trail network.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Steven Streeter</p>
2 4 2	Phil Mears	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I am writing to support the proposed new mountain bike trail labelled 'Pyramid Scheme' as proposed by Trails Wellington.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Trail is being built and funded by Trails Wellington with no funding required by the rate payer 2. It will be a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington and encourage a wider range of people to ride/use it. 3. More people using the trail will encourage more people to get involved with the area's care and maintenance, pest control, weed control and planting, etc. 4. A grade three trail can be enjoyed by the whole family and will be great for beginners to develop their skills, which provides health and well-being benefits for all. 5. The trail is going to be a grade 3 flow style trail of a decent length. These types of trails are available in other places in NZ but not so in Wellington. Wellington is lacking a variety of trails that attract visitors. Other cities around the country are putting a lot of resources into enhancing existing trails and developing new trails. 6. Wellington needs a trail like what is proposed. This trail would be a great commuting option for Eastern Suburb residents and will be easily accessible for these residents. 7. Having this trail will ease congestion on the city side of the hill, which is extremely popular with mountain bikers, walkers, runners etc. 8. The existing network of trails are challenging for younger and beginner riders. Having a trail suitable for them and to enjoy and be able to ride safely is a huge benefit. <p>Regards Phil mears</p>

2 4 3	Carl Howarth	<p>I wish to make a submission in support of the proposed new mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>A long grade 3 trail is missing from the network in general, and especially at Mt Vic. This location will be a popular recreational asset, being so close to where people work in the city, and where many people live. The catchment for this trail will at a minimum include Newtown (where I live), Hataitai, Mt Cook, Mt Vic and Te Aro. Given this central location, a further benefit is that most users will likely cycle to the trail, rather than driving. This is consistent with councils objectives to encourage modal shift and reduce emissions.</p> <p>Carl Howarth</p>
2 4 4	Tony Lines	<p>Greetings, I am very keen to see this go ahead and add to the number of tracks close to the city we can easily access for recreation.</p> <p>The East side is not well served currently and being a Grade 3 means it will be used by most riders including on journeys back home to the Eastern suburbs for city workers.</p> <p>The fact that Trails Wgtn is to fund it just adds to allure.</p> <p>I look forward to approval by the committee on 7 April.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Tony Lines</p>
2 4 5	Chris White	<p>Hello</p> <p>I'm writing to express my unequivocal support for the new mountain bike trail proposed for Mt Victoria, a.k.a. Pyramid Scheme.</p> <p>Mountain biking is growing rapidly in Wellington with enormous potential benefits to residents and visitors alike. It keeps the local population fit, supports a network of bike shops and other support and hospitality services (I have personally spent thousands of dollars), and is increasing Wellington's appeal to domestic and international tourists.</p> <p>But this is a competitive market and other cities like Rotorua and Nelson have stolen an early march on us. The right response to this is aggressive development of Wellington's trail network, which has the advantage of being so very accessible from the city centre. Pyramid Scheme fits the bill perfectly.</p> <p>The recent ten year plan was a good start, but more can and should be done. Please press ahead at pace.</p> <p>Kind regards, Chris</p>

2 4 6	Henry Collingridge	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I just wanted to let you know that I think the Pyramid Scheme trail looks like a great idea and I'm sure it will be a great asset for the area.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Henry Collingridge</p>
2 4 7	Mike Molony	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I am writing in support of the proposal to develop a flow trail on the Hataitai side of Matairangi as outlined in the below diagram. As an active mountain biker in Wellington it strikes me that there is a shortage of Grade 3 flow trails in and around the city, and this proposed development goes a long way to addressing this current deficiency.</p> <p>Matairangi is well served with grade 4 / advanced trails on the city side, however, these trails tend to be steep in nature and include difficult terrain, and advanced obstacles. While many of these trails are enjoyed by highly skilled and advanced riders there are a lot fewer options for less advanced / expert level riders.</p> <p>By expanding the variety of trails and offering a wider range of options I believe that Matairangi will become a favoured destination for Wellington Mountain bikers, and will offer more possibilities for groups with ranges of skills. A trail of this length (proposed at 2.3km) and this Grade (proposed to be Grade 3) will be more accommodation for a wider range of riders, and especially the likes of families, or developing riders.</p> <p>The central location of Matairangi means that this area offers easy access to CBD workers for the like of lunchtime or after work rides.</p> <p>Increasing the options for riders will result in an increase in the number of people engaging on exercise / physical activity which in turn has a positive impact on not only the physical wellbeing but the mental health of the community in general.</p> <p>As we start to get over the worst of the COVID limitations on our city we need to provide reasons for workers to return to the CBD rather than continue to work from home. The possibility of riding a trail that is suited to their skill level at lunchtime, or as part of a commute home from work, may be a determining factor of getting people to return to the CBD. Office workers returning to the CBD is positive for local business and for the economy of Wellington in general.</p> <p>Providing a trail of this grade, and length on Matairangi provide the ideal environment for groups such as W.O.R.D to continue to provide excellent training and coaching opportunities for children keen to experience mountain biking and support the on-going development of their skills and confidence. Development of a trail on the Hataitai side of Matairangi will contribute to the de-loading and conflict reduction of the trails on the city side. By providing this alternative route there will be potentially more space for walker, runners and dog walkers on the city side of the hill. This is beneficial for all users of this green space, and not just for the target audience of mountain bikers.</p>

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<p>2 4 8</p>	<p>Geraldine</p>	<p>Hi Trails WCC,</p> <p>Matairangi is calling for a grade 3 track .</p> <p>At the present time as a female senior citizen recreational rider , trails in this area are limited to encourage those who are working on improving their abilities.</p> <p>It would be a huge complement to the new city waterfront bike trail to be able to do an eastern side loop through Matairangi and down back to the city.</p> <p>While you're at it I think the Miramar peninsula road is an opportunity to create a very scenic extension to recreational riders especially if it could be closed on weekends or made one way for vehicular traffic .</p> <p>I have just spent a month in the South Island where trails network is a booming , electric bikes have allowed for seniors to participate in this 'new class of sport' there is a huge thirst for ' active holidays' Amongst seniors who will spend money on hiring bikes eating and drinking . Provide the right trails (Grade 3) and ALL people young and old will come .</p> <p>Huge city benefit .</p> <p>I would be proud to have these trails in my city , to attract more people and longer length of stays in our beautiful city.</p> <p>Geraldine</p>
<p>2 4 9</p>	<p>Bork</p>	<p>Hello!</p> <p>As many others have most likely said, the trail being proposed to be built on Matairangi is a huge deal for the mountain bikers of Wellington. Because it is so close to the city, Matairangi is a very popular mountain biking destination in Wellington. However, it wasn't very diverse, only containing trails for experienced riders until a few months ago when a few trails started getting rebuilt. While this is a start, Matairangi has so much opportunity and space to build which is not being harnessed to its full extent. Along with this, there is only one trail that is more than 1 kilometre on Matairangi, which is actually just a bunch of trails linked together. This is why having a Grade 3 flow trail on Matairangi is such a big deal. It will be 1. Easily accessible compared to somewhere like Mākara Peak. 2. By far the biggest uninterrupted run at Matairangi. 3. A way for less experienced riders to get out more to a top notch trail from the CBD without having to ride all the way up Polhill or over to Karori. With all of these factors, it makes sense to build this trail as a way for people to get out on their bikes more and experience the outdoors.</p>

250	Thomas Adamson	<p>As a Wellington city council rates payer and trails wellington member, I support the building of the new Pyramid Scheme for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. • This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city. • The development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds. • This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi. <p>• The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.</p> <p>• The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups.</p> <p>• The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that riders will be drawn to the underutilised Hataitai side of Matairangi, which will ease congestion on the city side of Matairangi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community. <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Dr Thomas Adamson</p>
251	Peter Woods	<p>Hi</p> <p>Just wanted to support the new proposed mtb track on mt vic. I am a ratepayer and will use this track as will both my kids, biking is a really healthy activity and this is a great opportunity to enhance wellingtons track network.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Peter Woods</p>

2 5 2	Ben Lampard	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>thanks for the chance to comment on this.</p> <p>The new trail looks totally awesome. I am generally put off from riding Matairangi as some of the trails are way too advanced for me, so I don't bother going there. Having another great grade 3 like Car Parts + Ikigai or Peak Flow would be incredible.</p> <p>Many thanks, Ben Lampard Brooklyn</p>
2 5 3	Rachel Cassey	<p>Hi</p> <p>I support the building of the new pyramid scheme trail at Mt Victoria/Matairangi.</p> <p>I am a Hataitai resident and regularly ride and walk on Mt Victoria. I welcome a new grade 3 trail are not that many trails of this grade (love the HIPPYS upgrade) and also to having a flow trail with different lines that suit more advanced riders (when riding with other members of my family).</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Rachel Cassey</p>

<p>2 5 4</p>	<p>David Harkness</p>	<p>Hi folks, I support the creation of a new trail on Mt Vic. I love the variety of riding on this hill, and both my kids have done WORD mountain bike training on Matairangi. I think what is proposed sounds like a fantastic addition to the trail network as a longer less rooty descent. I like that there will be alternate line features, and that it will be bike priority to mitigate user conflict. I have two specific points of feedback relating to the start and end of the trail.</p> <p>1. I would expect most people to enter the trail having ridden Hippias. I think there needs to be a less steep link track than the one that comes out by the toilets to bring people up to the ridge (my kids have to get off and walk this bit) – so perhaps a straight on gradual climb, rather than the steep left hand turn. I also think that the road crossing design will need careful consideration, as it effectively forms a cross roads with Alexandra road and the summit road junction at the same point, and a regular bus service passing through. So we don't want either vehicles or bikes crossing that junction quickly, and sight lines need to be unobstructed.</p> <p>2. The end of the trail, dropping onto the main SH1 seems like the wrong end point, unless the yellow line to the right is an easy grade climbing trail to come back into the town belt and towards Alexandra Rd to return to the top of the hill. If not, then I think it may be better to finish at the skills area.</p> <p>I do hope you are able to build this trail soon because as a grade 3 flow/jump trail it will be a useful beginner/intermediate pathway towards the more technical trails on the rest of Mt Vic and therefore expand accessibility hugely.</p> <p>Regards, David Harkness</p>
<p>2 5 5</p>	<p>Jon Bell</p>	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I strongly support the new trail called "pyramid scheme." I especially like that it's a less advanced trail, because the mountain doesn't have as many trails I can ride as a newer rider.</p> <p>Jon Bell, Hataitai</p>

2 5 6	Jonathan Peacey	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I am writing to support construction of the proposed new Grade 3 mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria. I live in Roseneath and typically ride the Matairangi MTB trails three times per week. I observe many MTB riders using the Matairangi trails – including an increasing number of children. The main downside of the Matairangi trails is the lack of any long, continuous flow trails. The proposed new trail would fill this gap and greatly improve the Matairangi MTB trail network. There are many reasons why the new MTB trail should be built, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community. There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi. The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. • The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups. I expect the new trails will draw riders (including me) to the underutilised Hataitai side of Matairangi, which will ease congestion on the city side of Matairangi. • The trail will be easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. This trail will also offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city. • No cost to ratepayers! Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning it would be built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • When people come together to build and maintain MTB trails they also invest time and effort in predator trapping, weeding of invasive species, and planting of native plants and trees. Examples include Waimapihi and Mākara Peak. We can expect the same with the new trail on the eastern side of Matairangi. <p>Ngā mihi</p> <p>Jonathan</p>
2 5 7	Frank Wood	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I am a passionate mountain biker and high school student, just emailing in to say how much I support the proposed new "Pyramid Scheme" trail at Matairangi Mount Victoria. I think it'll be just what Mt Vic needs, a long, beginner-friendly flow trail on the eastern side of the mountain to be more sheltered from those big ol' north-westerly winds. It'll be unlike any other trail at Mt Vic, and I think it will become a proper attraction. It will also help a whole range of people just getting into mountain biking, too. The accessibility of Mt Vic is absolutely unparalleled, and I know a lot of beginners in the sport would be extremely grateful that such a good-for-all-abilities trail would be just a stone's throw from the city.</p> <p>Ultimately I think that this trail would be the real "Goldilocks" of Wellington trails. Not too hard, not too easy, close to the city and well protected from weather. It'll be a great way to get people on their bikes, and out in nature.</p> <p>"Pyramid Scheme" is a great idea. Let's see it happen!</p> <p>Frank Woods</p>

2 5 8	Rob Lee	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>I fully support the new mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria - as proposed by Trails Wellington. I agree this track should be a bike priority Grade 3 intermediate flow trail suitable for both intermediate and higher grade riders. Signage should clearly indicate it is a bike priority trail to dissuade usage by non-bikers and to reduce user conflict. It is a bonus for Wellington ratepayers that Trails Wellington will be funding the construction of the new trail.</p> <p>As a trail builder in Waimapihi Reserve, I see an increasing demand for trails as proposed above and support more trails of this design - and in terms of its funding model and ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>I also support the full submission made to you by Trails Wellington.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing this come to fruition.</p> <p>Rob Lee (Brooklyn Trail Builders)</p>
2 5 9	Simon Thomas	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>My partner and I are 60+ year old riders.</p> <p>We particularly enjoy grade 3 flow trails with lots of tabletop jumps. Such trails cater for the majority of trail riders and are a key feature of modern mtb trail networks. However, such trails are sadly lacking in Wellington.</p> <p>It is about time that one is built here. Consequently, we are stoked to see this new trail proposal and fully support it.</p> <p>Many thanks, Simon Thomas</p>
2 6 0	Sefton Paske	<p>Hi There.</p> <p>I support the new track that has been proposed on the Hataitai side of Mt Vic. Please give Trails Wellington permission to build this track. It will make Mt Vic even better and getore young kids into Mountain biking.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

		Sefton Paske
2 6 1	Annie Newell	Excellent idea! Provides a fabulous resource for Local cyclists and will also attract more high spending tourists to the capital. Also, it helps separate walkers and mountain bikers in the park.
2 6 2	Hamish Johnson	Hi i support this new trail up mt vic and hope it opens soon keep up the good work. Thanks Hamish
2 6 3	James McArthur	Hi I would like to show support for the new mountain Bike trail in Mt Vic. I think My Vic would benefit a lot from an easier trail, the current trail network is on the harder side of the Wellington trails and it would be great to have a more family / beginner friendly trail. Thanks James McArthur

<p>2 6 4</p>	<p>Brent Coates</p>	<p>Kia ora team,</p> <p>I would like to voice my support for the proposed trail. The trail map looks amazing</p> <p>I live in Hataitai and use Matairangi-Mount Victoria around 3 times a week running on the existing trails. It is a magical place to be first thing in the morning, middle of the day or even as the last of the light hits the trail.</p> <p>I have been so impressed with the trail development that has occurred over the past 6 months by the Trails Wellington team that I have even paid to join their group even though these trails are more for mountain bikers use than us runners.</p> <p>Although I do have a mountain bike I haven't to date ever used it at Matairangi. The trails looked too rough (lack of skill on my part) and too short in length for my liking. That will definitely change if that proposed trail happens.</p> <p>I would lastly like to add, that I have only had respectful, courteous interactions with mountain bikers to date on the maunga and know that will continue</p> <p>Ngā mihi nui</p> <p>Brent Coates</p>
<p>2 6 5</p>	<p>William Cronin</p>	<p>Hi WWC,</p> <p>As a avid mountain biker at mt Victoria and the Wellington region. I can say this trail is exactly what we are missing in the region. We lack a crucial intermediate flow jump trail to build skills on which the likes of Rotorua and Queenstown have many of.</p> <p>This trail will be a great addition to our network allowing progression of jumping to have a mid ground to learn jumping between the already existing trails for expert jumpers.</p> <p>Cheers, William</p>

2 6 6	Greg Hunt	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I fully support the proposal for a new trail on the eastern side of Mt VIC.</p> <p>It will provide another asset to the city and further support the massive growth of this sport.</p> <p>It will also (indirectly) support adoption of alternative modes of transport, helping Wellington reach its emissions goals.</p> <p>Cheers, Greg</p>
2 6 7	George Waterworth	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I think this would be a fantastic addition to Mt VIC. Not only would it expand the trail network, it will utilise a currently unexplored part of the reserve, providing riders with an option that further separates them from walkers.</p> <p>Also a great opportunity for developing skills and getting kids riding in an otherwise tricky environment.</p> <p>I very much hope this proceeds.</p> <p>Regards Dr George Waterworth</p>
2 6 8	Emily and Michael Robertson	<p>I support this epic trail initiative</p> <p>M</p>
2 6 9	Fernah Peacey	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I support construction the proposed new flow trail on the eastern side of Matairangi. It would be a valuable addition to the Matairangi MTB trail network.</p> <p>Regards Fernah Peacey</p>

2 7 0	Hugh Mazey	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I am submitting in full support of the proposed mountain bike trail on Matairangi.</p> <p>The Trails Wellington team have done an amazing job revitalizing the trails and making them more accessible to more novice riders. Seeing the vast range of groups who ride the trails I think this trail would only add value to the city.</p> <p>The trails up Matairangi encourage people to get out and about and enjoy some of the views of our amazing city.</p> <p>Nga mihi</p> <p>Hugh</p>
2 7 1	Jeremy Blake	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>Please accept this email in support of the proposed new MTB trail on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>A grade 3 flow trail that can be easily accessed (and shuttled) by riders from across Wellington would be a great addition to Wellington's trail network.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Jeremy Blake</p>
2 7 2	Craig McWilliam	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I am writing to support the new mountain bike trail proposed by Trails Wellington along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>I along with many other users enjoy and value the development of mountain bike trails to encourage use of our fabulous town belt.</p> <p>Ngā Mihi</p> <p>Craig McWilliam</p>

2 7 3	Ian McSherry	<p>Hi</p> <p>I support the proposal to build a new trail on Mt Victoria because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. • This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city. • I am a firm believer that providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. The development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds. • This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi. • Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail. • The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies. • The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups. • The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. riders will be drawn to the underutilised Hataitai side of Matairangi, which will ease congestion on the city side of Matairangi. • Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. to keep the character of the existing trails, whilst better managing entrances, exits and trail crossings. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive. • the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this. • Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community. <p>Regards Ian</p>
2 7 4	Marc Heinau	<p>I would like to express my support for the new trail project.</p> <p>M. Heinau</p>

2 7 5	Robert Skene	<p>Greetings</p> <p>I am writing in support of the proposed grade 3 mountain bike trail on Matairangi Mt Vic.</p> <p>I believe this would be a tremendous asset to the Wellington mountain bike community, as this trail will help to fill a gap in the type of trails available currently, boosting Wellington as a tourist destination for mountain bikers.</p> <p>The fact that this trail will be professionally designed and built means that it will be a great addition to the greater Wellington trail network, while ensuring that it is done in a way that has a minimal impact on the land and other recreational parties on Matairangi Mt Vic.</p> <p>Regards, Rob</p>
2 7 6	Toby Sanderson	<p>Kia Ora,</p> <p>I think the building of a new trail at Mt Vic is an excellent plan & should be actioned asap!</p> <p>Pyramid scheme promises to cater to a range of riders. The sport is only getting more popular so it is sure to be utilized.</p> <p>Nga mihi Toby Sanderson</p>
2 7 7	Nigel Searles	<p>I definitely support the trail. That's what makes Wellington a great place to live, it's green belt and easy access to it.</p> <p>I love the recent trail modifications on Mt Vic and definitely want to see more of that nature.</p> <p>It will also give a commuting option to keep people off the road.</p> <p>Nigel</p>
2 7 8	William Thomson	<p>Hi</p> <p>I'm writing in to give my support to the construction of the new track on the Hataitai side of mount Victoria.</p> <p>There are no good flow tracks on Mt Vic at present so I think it would be an ideal addition.</p> <p>Also there are not many trails on that side of the mount, so a great use of space at no cost to the tax payer.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>

		Will Thomson
2 7 9	Levi Far	I'm Levi and I've just turned 11, I love biking at mt vic. My favourite part are the flow trails like hippies and hospies. So I would really appreciate it if we opened the new trail. Hope we get it going soon. Levi
2 8 0	Ray Teahen	Kia ora I am writing in support of the proposed new track on Matairangi Mt Victoria. Mu understanding is Trails Wellington is helping to fund the track so there i no cost to the council. Mountain biking seems to be exploding in popularity so providing new tracks will provide for a growing number or bikers. Having a new track on the east side will offer another option for getting down Mt Vic and spread riders out across the mountain. The proposed track being a grade 3 offers a new type of (easier) track which will allow more people to access a track on Mt Vic. Other new tracks built in Wellington recently including Ikigai, Con Air, Hippy's revamp, hospital and saddle jumps, revamped North Face and Pohatu have been well made and are very well used. Other work around these tracks have included planting and pest control which would benefit Mt Vic as an ecosystem. To summarise I am full in support of the a new track on Matairangi/Mt Vic Nga mihi Ray Teahen
2 8 1	Paul Shelestovich	Hi, I'd like to support and thank you for the new trail - Grade 3 is my favorite - not too difficult and not too easy. I'm ready to volunteer on building it. Cheers, Paul Shelestovich.

2 8 2	Geoff Topp	<p>Hi Eva & Tim,</p> <p>I am emailing to voice my enthusiastic support for the creation of this trail. It will be a great addition to Wellingtons trail network and open up Matairangi to a host of new riders.</p> <p>Cheers Geoff</p>
2 8 3	Andrew Matthews	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to lend my support to the building of the new track on Mt Vic.</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Andrew</p>
2 8 4	Sean Martin	<p>Hi there</p> <p>Just lodging my submission in support of the proposed new MTB trail on Matairangi - Pyramid Scheme.</p> <p>This would be a welcome addition to the trail network.</p> <p>Regards Sean Martin</p>
2 8 5	Julian Kersey	<p>Hello</p> <p>I am a frequent user of the mountain bike tracks on Mt Vic and a Hataitai resident. I strongly support the development of the proposed track. It will have the advantage of spreading the load of users across the hill but will also open up a less technical track more suitable for (for example) taking my children on. It also creates a good commuter option for those commuting to the southern suburbs.</p> <p>I hope the council will agree to support this project. Thanks for considering my input.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Julian Kersey</p>

2 8 6	Andrew Mills	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I fully support the proposal for the new MTB trail at Mt Victoria.</p> <p>Trails Wellington is a fantastic organisation that considers multiple aspects, including the environment and safety when building new trails.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Andrew Mills</p>
2 8 7	Jade Stevenson	<p>Definitely support this trail initiative on Mt Vic. Great addition to the already available MT Vic trails and helps Wellington grow as a Mountain Bike mecca destination. More trails, more mtb tourists, more tourism dollars for the region. Its a no Brainerd, lets tick the box and get this one built.</p> <p>Jade Stevenson</p>
2 8 8	Alex Whitney	<p>This looks like an awesome project!</p> <p>I am a recent returner to the mountain biking and have two kids getting into it too. Living in Iyall bay we have access to so good areas but have more tracks in MT vic would be a game changer! Save we sticking bike on the car and heading out to makara each Saturday. Save some carbon and ease up in the weekend traffic through town.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Alex</p>
2 8 9	Mark Tantrum	<p>Hi - I'd like to share my support for the Mt Vic MTB trail that is accessible to all riders. For sure need more trails like this. My kids do WORD and I'd love more trails I'd be able to go with them on the weekends close to our home in Maupuia.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Mark Tantrum</p>
2 9 0	Jonathan O'Donnell	<p>The first word that comes to mind is brilliant!</p> <p>Wellington already holds itself as a top destination for mountain biking. Adding a new trail will only add to the world class trails that already surround the Greater Wellington region. Mt Vic is an ideal spot for a new trail given its Lord of the Rings history and being centrally located. Mountain biking has come so far and has become one of the fastest moving sports enjoyed by young and old alike. Keep moving forward Wellington, we are already a super star city so let's make it even better!</p>

2 9 1	Ben Davies	<p>Hi - I just want to show my sorry for the new trail. One of the things that people love the most about Wellington is the variety of things to do right on the central city doorstep. Zealandia, city to sea and southern walkway, and the mountain biking already in place at polhill and makara peak.</p> <p>Only thing is visitors need to find transport options to get to polhill or makara. And although There are mountain bike trails on Matairangi already they are not purpose-built and there is a lot of foot traffic - not ideal for part time riders or those not familiar with the area.</p> <p>I think A top quality purpose built grade 3 track right on the city's doorstep would add a lot to the city's appeal for casual riders, another attraction to make the city an even more attractive weekend destination. I'd definitely be taking visitors there any chance I got.</p> <p>Thanks, Ben Davies</p>
2 9 2	Michael Dreyer	<p>Hi, Wanting to voice the support of myself and my three daughters for the new trail on Mount Victoria. We use the area a lot and love the health and fitness it gives us, as well as the confidence they have developed from learning to ride on more challenging tracks as they grow, which this will be perfect for.</p> <p>Regards Michael Dreyer</p>
2 9 3	Derek Bond	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I am making this submission in support of the proposed Pyramid Scheme trail.</p> <p>Matairangi is a challenging place to ride with a few recently built sections and having an approachable, fun and lengthy trail on the hill would be a great asset in the Wellies trail network.</p> <p>Our family of four all ride but for the most part Matairangi trails are too challenging for us as a family unit but this trail would really open it up for us. As well, the eastern part of the city is under-represented in easier fun style tracks. Waimapahi and Makara are great places to ride for all levels whereas Matairangi and Miramar are less accessible for riders getting into the sport.</p> <p>Thanks for listening to the mountain biking community. Regards Derek, Kellie, Greta, Esther</p>

2 9 4	Brent Dickens	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>A brief submission from an avid MTB fan! I would love to see a new trail the likes of Pyramid Scheme built in May VIC as I don't think we have anything like it locally. A grade 3 flow trail would be ideal for me (I'm not that good) and a lot of average riders so please please build it. This is going to be great!</p> <p>Kind regards, Brent Dickens</p>
2 9 5	Rod Walsh	<p>Hi, I just want to show my support for the proposed mountain bike trail on Matairangi Mt Victoria.</p> <p>Having a long grade 3 flow trail to add to the existing network and so close to the CBD is only going to enhance Wellingtons reputation as a mountainbike destination, which will bring in tourists to the city.</p> <p>Since the new Saddle jump track and the Hospital jumps have been built I've noticed a lot of younger riders hanging out up there which can only be a good thing.</p> <p>As a 67 year old mountain biker who frequently rides the trails at Matairangi I can only see benefits coming from building this trail.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Rod Walsh</p>
2 9 6	Jonathan Zuckerman	<p>I'd like to endorse the proposal for a new mountain bike trail on the eastern side of Mt Victoria.</p> <p>As a local resident and frequent walker and biker in that section of town belt, this new trail would provide something that doesn't currently exist in the area. A trail that isn't a 4WD road, nor a steep tree rooted downhill trail.</p> <p>It will hopefully be a trail that I can ride when I'm not feeling super confident, and also hopefully take my young children on. This is the missing "gateway" trail that brings beginner/intermediate riders and takes them to the next level. It doesn't exist on Mt Victoria at present, so family rides inevitably require a car to get to Makara Peak or further afield.</p> <p>Regards Jonathan</p>

2 9 7	Katrina Bukauskas	<p>Hi WCC trails team</p> <p>I'd like to let you know that my husband and I are super excited about the prospect of a new flowing trail at Mt Vic. There is a current gap in the trails offered at Mt Vic, meaning we don't often ride there. The current trails are a lot more technical and jumps focused - it would be truly amazing to have a trail like this so close to the city and to make the most of Mt Vic.</p> <p>We are in support of pyramid scheme.</p> <p>Thanks Katrina</p>
2 9 8	Ben Macaulay	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I'd love to add my vote for the proposed trail on the Eastern face of Matairangi, Pyramid Scheme.</p> <p>Matairangi already has a great range of the more challenging ends of the spectrum that Wellington has to offer, and seeing the popularity of the recent developments suggests it'll be an instant hit.</p> <p>I'm hoping the Hataitai folks aren't too apprehensive - if anything, I feel it'll pull people away from the other walking tracks where the MTB trails often intersect...</p> <p>Strengthening the other locations than the Makara Peak bike park is also a huge play - Matairangi is so much more accessible and the poor folks that live in that valley in Karori must get sick of the hundreds of cyclists every weekend!</p> <p>Anyway, thanks for 'listening' Ben</p>
2 9 9	Andy Lyon	<p>Hi</p> <p>I am writing to express my support for the proposed mountain bike trail on Mt Vic (known currently as Pyramid Scheme), and do not wish to make a verbal submission.</p> <p>The trail will provide a fantastic place to support the development of younger riders progressing their skills, and will create separation from walkers which is good for all users of the reserve.</p> <p>Mountain biking so close to the city is one of the things that makes Wellington such a great place to live, and while many of the trails on Mt Vic are more technically advanced, the new trail will bring much needed balance to the grade of the trails in this area.</p>

		<p>Andy Lyon</p>
3 0 0	Todd Maddock	<p>Kia Ora Trails team</p> <p>Just want to fully support the development of a new grade 3 trail in Mount Vic.</p> <p>I believe this would be a fantastic addition to the trail network and help provide a graduated trail system on the mount.</p> <p>This will definitely provide a fun recreational opportunity, and with thoughtful design by the trails wellington team, can minimize environmental impact and improve usage for all users of the area by creating separation between walkers/ runners and bikers.</p> <p>Definitely a win.</p> <p>Regards Todd Maddock</p>
3 0 1	Ronnie Reading	<p>Wellington mountain bikers are crying out for, from experts to beginners.</p> <p>I have 2 children that love riding and this type of trail will be perfect for honing their skills on. This grade 3 would be the only one in this area so would be really embraced by riders still learning.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Ronnie</p>

3 0 2	Regan Clyma	Fully support the proposed new trail at Mt Vic. There are not many trails on Mt Vic that cater to beginner riders. This will help provide a safer learning environment for riders to progress. Thanks, Regan Clyma Sent from my iPhone
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3 0 3	David Reeve	<p>Hey Guys,</p> <p>Just writing to show my support for the New Mount Vic Bike Trail, I believe that Trails Wellington have outlined the benefits, perfectly sum up why a new trail would be an awesome addition to Wellingtons amazing trail network. Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. • This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city. • We are firm believers that providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds. • This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi. • Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail. • The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies. • The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups. • The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that riders will be drawn to the underutilised Hataitai side of Matairangi, which will ease congestion on the city side of Matairangi. • Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. We’re looking to keep the character of the existing trails, whilst better managing entrances, exits and trail crossings. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive.
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- We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.
- Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.

Thanks
Dave

3 0 4	Ti m Roberts	<p>Hello I would like to submit my support for a grade 3 flow trail on Mt vic.</p> <p>I don't ride there much as last time the trails weren't really suited to my riding preferences and bike, I prefer the less technical and flowy trails. I feel this would add alot to mt vic.</p> <p>Kind regards, Tim Roberts</p>
3 0 5	Dan Sharpe	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm writing in support of the new trail proposed for the Hataitai side of Matairangi, as a walker, biker and Evans Bay resident.</p> <p>There are already great options for cycling and walking on the hill, but in the interest of reducing trail conflict, a newer trail on that side of the hill would help to spread out riders and offer a new option for cyclists who don't want to finish their ride in the CBD. Also to note is that the current trails on Matairangi are mostly grade 4+ and only getting tougher to ride as they weather. An easier grade 3 track will appeal to groups of riders who normally avoid Matairangi altogether.</p> <p>Careful planning for trail crossings would be my main concern, good signage, and the development of the finish area so that there's a suitable option to link back to other trails.</p> <p>Cheers.</p> <p>Dan Sharpe.</p>
3 0 6	Vanessa Head	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'd like to put forward my support for the new proposed bike trail on Matairangi. As a relatively new biker I found the current trails to be quite difficult and the new proposed trail will be far more accessible to me. I believe this new trail will help support opening up Matairangi to more bikers who are otherwise intimidated by the other trails.</p> <p>Thanks Vanessa</p>

3 0 7	Paul Maguire	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I would like to support the new trail on Mt Vic. These new longer distance flow trails are amazing fun and suit a range of riders</p> <p>Also Mt Vic is not on my groups radar as the trails at Makara and Polhill are so good, and it would be great to have a new area to explore. It will also take some pressure off the other tracks.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Paul Maguire</p>
3 0 8	Rhys Hayward	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I'd like to express my support for the proposed new mountain bike trail on Matairangi.</p> <p>Wellington's easy access to the outdoors is what distinguishes it from other cities around NZ (and the world) and enables an active lifestyle for its residents and visitors. Wellington must take better advantage of this natural resource and support Trails Wellington in building a network of sustainable, high quality bike trails for all levels. Doing so will make Wellington a more attractive and globally competitive place to live and work, which will boost the local economy and improve the health and wellbeing of its residents.</p> <p>Wellington is not considered a mtb tourist destination because the quality of our trails hasn't kept pace with regions which have invested more in professionally built trails. There are obviously a range of reasons for this including user conflicts and limited funding. It would be great to see WCC get behind the proposed Matairangi track and work with Trails Wellington to bring Wellington's mountain biking trails up to modern standards.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Rhys Hayward Northland, Wellington</p>
3 0 9	Mike Wilson	<p>Hi,</p> <p>This new trail sounds like it will be a great addition to the Mt Vic trail network which mainly seems to cater for more advanced riders.</p> <p>I would support the trail being created as it will add another good quality intermediate flow track near to the central city and provide more variety of trail types/grades on Mt Vic.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Mike</p>
3 1 0	Trevor Williamson	<p>100% support from me. Can't wait.</p>

3 1 1	Andrew Willers	Hi I fully support this track. It is on the other side of Alexandra Road and will take pressure of the other dual use tracks which walkers and mtb share. Cheers Andrew
3 1 2	Mark Lillico	I'd like to voice my support for the new bike trail-it's a great idea! Currently Mt Vic is dominated by technical, unformed tracks for more advanced riders. Pyramid Scheme would make Mt Vic more accessible to a wider number of recreation riders and bring those riders closer to the centre of the city than the Polhill, Miramar or Makara trail systems. It would be a strong, centrally located addition to the increasingly varied Wellington trail network and capitalise on the health and economic benefits that cycling centres like Queenstown and Rotorua already maximise. Thanks for your time.
3 1 3	Asher Regan	Hi, This will be a great addition to the Mt Vic trail network. I'm fully in support of it. The only thing I would change to the plan is the location of the finish- This piece of road is not at all bike friendly; it could just end at the skills area. Thanks, Asher
3 1 4	Johan Morreau	Thanks for opportunity to make submission Have been enjoying Wellington's intermediate trails - great for young and older bikers. Important to be doing everything we can to make mountain biking accessible, increase People's exercise levels.This'll be a welcome addition. Regards Johan Morreau

3 1 5	Matthew Fowler	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm very supportive of this proposed trail.</p> <p>It would give me more safe options for riding Mt Vic with my family (and keep us and walkers both safer).</p> <p>There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short "Saddle Jumps" section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.</p> <p>The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington's eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.</p> <p>The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p> <p>Matt Fowler Wellington</p>
3 1 6	Ian Telfar	<p>Hello,</p> <p>with regard to the proposed new trail on Mt Victoria on the eastern side - I think that this will certainly be a positive addition to the existing tracks.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Ian</p>
3 1 7	David Tildesley	<p>I support the proposed new Mt. Vic MTB cycle trail.</p>

3 1 8	Joe Snodgrass	<p>Kia ora WCC,</p> <p>As a mountain biker I would like to write and place my support for a new Mt Vic mountain bike trail. The area has lots of technical trails but is sorely missing a dedicated grade 3/intermediate route, something that makes it hard to introduce beginner/intermediate riders to the area. This is my local area, so it would make a great alternative to Polhill, also being accessible as a commuting home.</p> <p>Ngā Mihi Kind regards, Joe Snodgrass</p>
3 1 9	Andy Woodwark	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I certainly support the creation of a new mountain biking trail on Matairangi- Mount Victoria. It would increase the variety of trails available, particularly for intermediate riders and hopefully reduce instances of unauthorised trails, an activity the vast majority of mountain bikers oppose. The benefits of exercise, particularly in the natural environment are well documented and the development of any additional resources should be encouraged. Wellington has a growing reputation as a mountain biking destination, recently securing a qualifying round of the Enduro World Series. That is certainly something to be proud of. With overseas travel likely to remain difficult for some time it is important that cities like Wellington take every opportunity to become more attractive as a destination, particularly to the domestic market.</p> <p>Wellington is blessed with an enviable topography and environment for outdoor activities like walking, trail running and mountain biking. It is essential to consider both the broader opportunities for all these activities while ensuring we are sensitive to the environment that supports them. The mountain biking fraternity has worked either directly or in conjunction with other organisations to restore and/or maintain the environment in a number of localities, including Mount Vic. The activities mentioned often take place on shared use trails, and while they almost universally happen without any conflict safety must also be taken into account . Where separation of trail users is practical safety does need to be a consideration.</p> <p>On the basis that the needs of all outdoor users are factored into the decision making and the trail can be built with minimal disruption to: users, the environment and native flora and fauna then there is no good reason why the trail should not go ahead.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Ngā mihi nui,</p> <p>Andy</p> <p>Andy Woodwark \\</p>

3 2 0	Andy Gow	<p>Hi, The proposed trail sounds excellent. Can't wait to give it a go! Had imagined something like this for the last 20 years - the Super D over that time being the only other long traverse on Mt Vic.</p> <p>Kind regards Andrew Gow</p>
3 2 1	Joanna Gould	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>I'm emailing in support of the proposed new mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria.</p> <p>I live locally, and enjoy spending time walking or jogging on the current Matairangi trails. I also enjoy mountain biking, but don't often bike in Matairangi as the downhill trails are quite technical. Adding an intermediate downhill flow trail would make Matairangi much more accessible to a wider number and range of recreational riders.</p> <p>Expanding the Matairangi - Mount Victoria bike network would also help Wellington capitalise on having a range of different cycling options close to town, both for locals and visitors alike. Polhill, Miramar and Makara are all fairly accessible. Let's help make Wellington the greatest little mountain biking capital in the world, at no additional cost to ratepayers for the track build.</p> <p>Ngā mih, Jo</p>
3 2 2	Lincoln Mackay	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Let the community get on a build it. 2. Reduce the council bureaucracy so that community can get on with managing their recreation needs <p>Lincoln Mackay</p>

<p>3 2 3</p>	<p>Dean Winder</p>	<p>WCC</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>This email is to let you know of my strongest condemnation of the proposal to build a bike track to the eastern flank of Mt Victoria.</p> <p>This eastern flank is the last part of Mt Victoria that hasnt been wrecked by mountain bikes and the councils approval of turning this reserve into some sort of circus ground, you only need look at the erosion and loss of flora and fauna on the western flank to see what the councils short sightedness has done, to what was initially intended as a reserve for all Wellingtonians to enjoy and I would remind you of the bylaws that prohibit building of structures or the denegation of the reserves landscape, you have already allowed more than enough space for mountainbiking on Mt Vic.</p> <p>I'm surprised that in 2022 with the council championing itself in providing green space, that this last place that is reasonably undisturbed by the public and a place where native tree growth is happening, its possibly one of the last areas on Mt Vic the few birds we have left are able to find a nest space and fruiting natives.</p> <p>Im stunned at the council's proposal and disregard for the wellbeing of the flora and fauna in this area, there are already enough tracks through Mt Vic to ensure little opportunity for flora recovery and now you're proposing yet another desecration and disregard for the struggling trees and birds.</p> <p>If this track goes ahead, I hope you all hang your collective heads in shame at the pillaging and lack of compassion for the enviroment.</p> <p>Further I respectfully suggest that instead of spending rate payers' monies on mountainbikers, you instead use the resource to fight back against the suffocating noxious weeds that the council allows virtually unchecked to choke and devastate what native growth remains.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Dean Winder Hataitai Wellington</p>
<p>3 2 4</p>	<p>Fraser Mcleod</p>	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>As an avid mountain biker I am fully amped and stand firmly behind this endeavour. Mt Vic is already such an awesome place to ride and is packed with a great set of feature laden trails, the only thing that's missing is a good long flow trail, which this will provide. Having trails in the middle of a major city is something that not a lot of countries can boast, the more we do sustainably on Matairangi the better and better Wellington is, for locals and tourists.</p> <p>Thanks for your time,</p>

		Fraser McLeod
3 2 5	Tom Del Campo	Hi there, I love mt biking in Wellington, I live in Melrose. I bike 4-5 times a week...mostly at lunch times around Wellington. Having local trails close by is so amazing. Wellington is amazing like that! The more trails the better. I think it's a great idea! I am fully in support for it! Thank you!!! Cheers Tom
3 2 6	Paul McCullagh	Hi, I support the proposal to build this trail as it will significantly open up public access to one of Wellington's most important landmarks and surrounding areas. The tracks through that area at the moment are not suitable for safe year round MTB access and that is holding back use of a valuable and increasingly rare recreational area to inner-city residents and visitors. Paul
3 2 7	Nicky Beamish	I would like to submit some concerns and questions about the proposed new Mountain Bike trail on the Eastern side of Mt Victoria. I have lived on Upoko Rd for many years and regularly walk on the Mt Vic Trails and along Alexandra Road to and from my work in Newtown, or drive along Alexandra Road. I don't believe enough information has been provided for anyone to make an informed decision about this track eg where exactly it will go, which trees will be cleared to put this track in, width of proposed track, what ground structure will need to be disturbed, how the environmental damage will be mitigated and managed, etc. Will the track need resource consent? Will the large pines and macrocarpas be detrimentally affected with this new track build? Recent pump tracks on the western side have increased bike traffic significantly to this area and these bikers are often going at significant speed with little concern for walkers at track intersections, or for drivers who can be taken by surprise with a bike coming off these tracks towards the road at speed. What measures will be in place to manage the safety of walkers where the new bike track intercepts walking tracks and road? Alexandra road is narrow with little shoulder for walkers or bikers to pull out of the way of vehicles. There has been little improvement to this over the past twenty years. Increased bikers will mean increased shuttles and vehicles and trailers for mountain bikers. Has this increase in traffic been considered? I would like to see significant improvement to this road such as speed reducing strategies and improved shoulder before I could support additional users accessing this green space. Until these issues are better understood and resolved I cannot support this proposal.

		Kind regards, Nicky Beamish
3 2 8	Jimmy Scott	Hi there, I would like to voice my absolute support for the proposed new mountain bike track down the eastern side of Mt Victoria/Hataitai. This would be a great for all levels of mountain bikers that live locally in the central city and surrounding suburbs that can ride to a good quality lengthy track rather than driving out to Makara Park, especially if they're unable to drive and riding is their primary means of transport. I live extremely close to this track, on Marewa Road Hataitai, and would make great use of this track, as would so many others. Wellington is a great city, and should encourage healthy outdoor activities such as this by providing this new track. Kind regards Jimmy Scott

3 2 9	Catherine Gerard	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm emailing my support for this project.</p> <p>Mt vic doesn't have much to offer in the way of grade 3 tracks at the moment so this would open up the park for those who find the current 4 and 5 tracks too hard.</p> <p>Mountain biking is a great activity that whole families can enjoy together. Childrens sport has become increasingly competitive and I view mountain biking as a sport that once kids start they can enjoy for life. It is a foil to the stressful digital world our kids are often immersed in. Providing a range of entry level tracks, such as what is proposed is a great way to encourage participation. I have seen the benefits of biking in my children - the benefits of being in nature for mental health are well established and something councils should be encouraging.</p> <p>The range and close availability of mountain biking in Wellington is something to be proud of and makes us a destination for bikers.</p> <p>Please approve it! Catherine</p>
3 3 0	Ian Phillips	<p>Dear WCC,</p> <p>I thoroughly support and encourage the development of the grade 3 trail as proposed by the Wellington Trail Network. We're blessed in Wellington to have the terrain and proximity for so many of us to use, but as a lifelong MTBer, my son and I do find the existing network pretty challenging for his entry (developing) level skills. We ride weekly, but frequent many of the same trails and this proposal covers another significant step to furthering the growing demand and impetus for more people of all abilities to get out there and use the fabulous trails.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest, Yours faithfully, Ian Phillips</p>
3 3 1	Sam Bazalo	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I just wasted to throw my support in for the newly proposed trail on Mt Vic. I think it will get even more people on their bikes and exercising as well as enjoying nature.</p> <p>Cheers, Sam</p>

3 3 2	Corwin Newall	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>I am writing on the behalf of the Mana Cycle Group, whose committee I am on, to note that we fully support the creation of the new grade 3 trail in Mt Victoria on the Hataitai side, for all the reasons our peers at Trails Wellington will have listed in their submission.</p> <p>Ngā mihi Corwin Newall</p>
3 3 3	Sam Streeter	<p>I like to ride bikes, and I think this is an opportunity not to be passed up. There are really no trails of this style in Wellington near this side of town, and it would be a great use of the Altitude of Matairangi.</p> <p>Not only that but since it's being funded independently there is no additional cost to Wellington rate payers.</p> <p>All in all I think this trail should definitely go ahead because it will bring a lot of traffic to Mt Vic in the future.</p> <p>Thanks, Sam</p>
3 3 4	Jordan Cooper	<p>I love the sound of this and fully support that this goes ahead.</p> <p>This would make it more accessible to lower grade riders and that means more people out enjoying what is already there. Just yesterday I saw the WORD group, a kids MTBing group. Seeing the kids happy and out doing something that is very Wellington is awesome.</p> <p>I really hope you take the time to see how this would benefit the city. It's not all about the roads, the mountains have bikers too.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Jordan</p>
3 3 5	Stephen Lynch	<p>Just wanting to register support for this eastern Mt Vic trail</p> <p>Stephen Lynch</p>

3 3 6	Mark Wright	<p>Hi, I'd like to record my support for the proposed mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi.</p> <p>The combination of the flow nature of the trail and it's proximity to both the central city and the nearer eastern suburbs will be a great resource for many locals. From a personal perspective, getting my young son out on his bike became vastly more attractive with the recent track additions in Waimaphi (Ikigai). I'm sure it will be of great benefit to many families local to Matairangi.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Wright</p>
3 3 7	Robert Comeskey	<p>I fully support the development of the new Tangi Te Keo (Mount Victoria) Mountain Bike Trail as detailed online: https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/mt-vic-trail?fbclid=IwAR3U5SyLsLVp3T5bwAG0gPHmyd20RLN8F6bUkw2LQS8biLFftDF8gXch4GQ</p> <p>Having a Grade 3 track down the eastern side of the Mt Vic ridgeline road would be great, as I find the moderate Grade 3 trails are lacking on 'Mt Vic'. We need moderate tracks an area which is quickly and easily accessed so that we get the kids (and adults) doing a lot more short 1-hour after-school/work trips instead of it being a bigger weekend-only car trip out to other locations.</p> <p>I have personally seen the life-changing effect MTB has had on my daughter, and it has certainly massively improved my health over the last 10 years. I wish to encourage it for so many more people, and this new track will significantly contribute to that.</p> <p>PS: I am really pleased with the track development in Tawa, backing onto Rangituhi / Colonial Knob as well.</p> <p>Robert Comeskey Tawa</p>

<p>3 3 8</p>	<p>Chris Ford</p>	<p>February 2022</p> <p>To Wellington City Council Please find attached DPA's submission on New Mount Victoria Mountain Biking Track</p> <p>Disabled Persons Assembly NZ</p> <p>Contact: Chris Ford Regional Policy Advisor Kaititui – Wellington Region</p> <p>Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ The Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a pan-impairment disabled person's organisation that works to realise an equitable society, where all disabled people (of all impairment types and including women, Māori, Pasifika, young people) are able to direct their own lives. DPA works to improve social indicators for disabled people and for disabled people be recognised as valued members of society. DPA and its members work with the wider disability community, other DPOs, government agencies, service providers, international disability organisations, and the public by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> telling our stories and identifying systemic barriers developing and advocating for solutions celebrating innovation and good practice <p>The submission DPA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the new Mount Victoria Mountain Biking Track. This submission focuses on accessibility and safety issues arising from the track's placement with following recommendations based around these.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring that mountain bikers at both entry and exit points respect the rights and needs of all pedestrians and other footpath/walkway users, 2. Ensuring accessible viewing places and platforms for disabled people to be spectators, especially at events, and 3. Providing good accessible signage and demarcation of where the track is, which would be important for all people accessing the general area, especially blind, low vision, mobility impaired and older people. <p>We also touch on the availability of accessible toilets in the vicinity of the track. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)</p>
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The UNCRPD Articles most relevant to our submission are:

- Article 4.3 Involving disabled people and our organisations in decisions that affect us
- Article 9 Accessibility
- Article 20: Personal mobility
- Article 30: Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026:

- Outcome 5 - Accessibility

DPA's recommendations

Recommendation 1: DPA recommends that safety guidance be provided through clear signage and written information to all cycle trail users around respecting the rights and needs of all pedestrians and other footpath/walkway users, especially at the entry and exit points on the track and wherever there is reasonable proximity between the trail and any pedestrian access ways. This is to ensure that there are no collisions between pedestrians and mountain bikers cycling at speed within these locations.

Recommendation 2: DPA recommends that suitable accessible viewing places and platforms be created around the tracks, especially to enable people using mobility aids (i.e., wheelchairs, walking frames, mobility scooters) and other disabled people to observe mountain biking events provided that all safety measures are taken. Tactile strips should also be placed in these areas (or be in areas where there are already tactile strips in place). Good observation areas could be developed in areas with lower elevations and on the side of entry and exit points thereby enabling accessibility.

Recommendation 3: DPA recommends that good, clear accessible signage be placed at the entry and exit points of the track and along it to ensure that there are clear demarcation lines visible, especially for people who are accessing the area as pedestrians, so that accidental collisions between pedestrians (who may accidentally stray onto the track), and cyclists can be avoided. Accessible signage should also be considered so that print, height, and colour contrast are fully considered, especially for blind and low vision people. We would like to encourage the development of safety signage in accessible formats as well (i.e., in New Zealand Sign Language, Easy Read, Te Reo and ethnic languages) which can be done via the use of electronic apps where people can access this information via a QR code.

Recommendation 4: DPA recommends that there be accessible toilets/showering facilities placed within the area so that any disabled person or person with health conditions (who are mountain bikers too) can access them easily.

Conclusion

DPA would like to see the above-mentioned issues addressed during the planning and construction phases of this project. Disabled people are people who have as much of an interest in the sport of mountain biking both as spectators and participants and the proposed Mount Victoria Mountain Biking Track should be made as accessible as possible. We have a Kaitiuitui who covers the Wellington area and whom can be reached out to on this subject. We look forward to hearing Council's response to our submission.

3	Andrea Dickens	Hi
3		I wish to express my support for the proposed new mountain bike trail on Mt Victoria.
9		I think it will be a great asset to the Wellington Community
		Andrea Dickens 23 The Crescent Roseneath

<p>3 4 0</p>	<p>Ellen Blake</p>	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>This is my personal submission on the proposal for a new mountainbike track on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>1 The Open Spaces Plan principle is that "track will be shared use by walkers and cyclists wherever this is appropriate. Tracks will be open for biking unless otherwise stated." The proposed track will be closed to walkers, the opposite of the intention set out in the Open Spaces Plan. The proposal does not meet this principle and should be rejected on that ground alone.</p> <p>2 The Open Space Plan states "all tracks will have minimal environmental impact." The proposal will cut into an otherwise regenerated bush area with no tracks through it. This area was planted in the 1990s by Forest and Bird. The proposal should be rejected on this ground.</p> <p>3 Other principles in the Open Space Plan relate to user conflict particularly in regard to speed of bikes. Clearly there are very many conflicts on Mt Victoria tracks related to inappropriate speed and conflicting uses. This proposed new track will not address any of those, instead it will cement in place the precedence now given to mountain-biking in our parks and the lack of support for on-foot activities. In effect MTB-priority tracks are MTB-only as the track design is generally poor for walking. A full review of use of the Mt Victoria reserve with a view to a fair allocation of space and tracks to those people on-foot is required before any more MTB priority tracks are created.</p> <p>I would expect that any review would include proposals for walk-only tracks along the most popular routes such as the Southern Walkway, Lookout Walk and Summit Walkway.</p> <p>4 The Mt Victoria Masterplan 2015 was a plan developed with a high degree of community involvement. There was a presumption in the Masterplan that there would be no new tracks on Mt Victoria because there were so many already. The Mt Vic Masterplan retains existing tracks for variety. The Mt Vic Masterplan continues the principle of shared use tracks.</p> <p>This part of the Hataitai side of Mt Victoria / Matairangi has no (few) tracks, is steep and was assumed would be left as is. It has significant bush regeneration occurring.</p> <p>5 Walking and running are the predominant recreations on Mt Victoria and are enjoyed by a wide range of people. Any further development in this intensely used park should further support on-foot activity.</p> <p>Proposals should at least follow existing plans and policy; this one does not. If a change in policy is proposed as in this MTB track proposal then the policy and plans should be reviewed and no further development occurs until public consultation and decisions have been made.</p> <p>I am part of a group undertaking all aspects of bush regeneration on Mt Victoria. I have seen the conflict and damage caused by MTB use. WCC has allocated two entire parks in Wellington for MTB and this is where development for MTB use should occur, not in an area such as Mount Victoria where other uses/users predominate.</p>
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<p>3 4 1</p>	<p>Ben Longhurst</p>	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I am emailing in support of the proposed new Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail. Bike trails in Wellington serve an ever growing community of mountain bikers in the city and promote good health and wellbeing. They also further economic development in the city through tourism, both domestically and internationally (once borders are reopened), and make a Wellington attractive city to live and work in. I support this trail on Mt Vic specifically as due to its central location, Mt Vic services a community that cannot access other trail networks outside of the central city easily. A good quality intermediate/grade 3 trail will also make the Mt Vic trail network more accessible to newer or less confident riders. I strongly support this proposal.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this submission.</p> <p>Ngā mihi, Ben Longhurst</p>
<p>3 4 2</p>	<p>Luke Southorn</p>	<p>I support the building of this trail for the following reasons.</p> <p>There is currently no grade 3 flow trail in this part of the city. Build a track and the people will use it</p> <p>The track can be a home commute option for cyclists biking back from town to the Eastern suburbs</p> <p>The track is being funded by trails Wellington and so will be well designed and built to a high standard.</p> <p>The proposed trail has good separation from motor vehicles and walkers.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to give input.</p> <p>Luke Southorn</p>

3	Nina Spence	<p>Proposal for new mountain bike track on Mt Vic – feedback</p> <p>I am concerned about the lack of information regarding this track proposal. I can't provide an informed decision without more detail. There is no information on how wide this track will be. This is important as I realise that as tracks get wider they cause more damage to the surrounding environment and have a bigger impact on the landscape of the area. Noting that the upper gully the track would run through has the highest level of native revegetation in the Mt Vic reserve.</p> <p>Can you please supply more information on the track width and what impact the track will have on the surrounding landscape and the residents' that look out to a bush land of regenerating natives and significant pine trees.</p> <p>Will the track need a resource consent?</p> <p>I can see that the proposed track cuts through at least four other tracks. Given it is a downhill bike track I assume riders will be travelling at speed. How will the crossing with existing walking tracks be managed safely? Can council guarantee that walkers will have the right of way on these crossings ?</p> <p>The large pines and macrocarpas that sit along Alexandra Road provide a great landscape backdrop to our property and to Mt Vic users in general. I understand that these macrocarpas are to be protected under the town belt management plan (and act) as part of the Hataitai Park sector.</p> <p>The proposed track shown looks like it goes through these macrocarpas. I am concerned that the track construction will harm these trees, and once they are gone they are gone for good. Can council provide a guarantee that these trees will not be detrimentally affected with this new track build?</p> <p>In summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More information is required on the environmental and landscape impacts of this track • A guarantee of safe track crossings is required – walker priority maintained • A guarantee of no detrimental affects on the large pines and macrocarpas along Alexandra road is required. • Confirmation of resource consent requirements to be confirmed. <p>Until these items are clarified, confirmed I can not provide support for this track.</p> <p>Regards Nina Spence Upoko Road, Hataitai</p>
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3	Kirk Cheney	Hi,
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4		<p>I would like to express my full support, on behalf of myself and my family, for the proposed new bike trail on Mount Victoria.</p> <p>Mount Victoria is an amazing jewel in Wellington's crown in terms of access to fantastic trails in the middle of the city, but it lacks enough easy, flowier trails to ease riders into the selection of more technical trails. A flowy grade 3 trail would be an invaluable asset.</p> <p>Trails Wellington and the mountain bike club have a proven track record of building awesome trails with minimal impact on, and significant care for, other park users.</p> <p>Please approve the development of this trail.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Kirk Cheney</p>

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5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails Wellington’s members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy. • There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this. • This trail will offer an off-road commuting option for residents of the Eastern Suburbs when commuting back from the city. • I am a firm believer that providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. The development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Matairangi, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds. • This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Matairangi. • Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail. • The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies. • The Hataitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups. • The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. riders will be drawn to the underutilised Hataitai side of Matairangi, which will ease congestion on the city side of Matairangi. • Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. to keep the character of the existing trails, whilst better managing entrances, exits and trail crossings. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive. • the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this. • Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.
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<p>3 4 7</p>	<p>Richard Rawstron</p>	<p>Hi, I support the proposed New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail.</p> <p>Mt Vic is an under utilised resource given it's central location. The proposed trail will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. enhance the value of Mt Vic and overall appeal of Wellington 2. ease congestion of the city side making trails safer for all 3. provide another option for intermediate mountain bikers 4. add fun at no cost to WCC <p>Regards, Richard Rawstron</p>
<p>3 4 8</p>	<p>Michael Crowley</p>	<p>Hi</p> <p>I would like to express my support for the proposed new trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eastern side of Mt Vic is under utilised, this would be a great addition • The style of track proposed is incredibly popular off the top of Makara Peak, this one with much easier access off the top of Matairangi will be even more popular • The under utilised nature of the eastern side lends itself to a top to bottom trail with minimal crossings • The council should embrace sports groups who are willing to construct and maintain facilities at their own cost <p>Regards Michael Crowley</p>

3 4 9	Bryn Dickerson	<p>Hi There,</p> <p>I'm writing to give feedback on the proposed Pyramid scheme track on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>My feedback for this is 100% positive and I would love to see this trail being given the green light.</p> <p>My feedback is largely similar to that provided by Trails Wellington with particular points of note including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trails Wellington's members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.• There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short "Saddle Jumps" section of trail that we recently upgraded on Mt Victoria. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.• Providing people with controlled, fun and engaging recreational opportunities in the outdoors will result in further kaitiakitanga from a broader slice of our community. Great examples of this include the restoration work that has been done in trail areas like Polhill (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Mākara Peak. Development of this trail will encourage a wider range of people to ride at Mt Victoria, resulting in increased planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds.• This will be the ideal trail for beginner mountain bikers to develop their skills on Mt Victoria.• The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington's eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.• The Hataitai side of Mt Victoria does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other trail user groups.• The trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that riders will be drawn to the underutilised Hataitai side, which will ease congestion on the city side.• Highlighting the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this. <p>Please let me know if you need any further information.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Bryn Dickerson</p>
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3 5 0	Tom Wylie	<p>Good morning Eva and Tim,</p> <p>I am writing to you today to submit my support for the proposed new flow trail up Mt Vic..</p> <p>I moved to Wellington to study at Victoria and have lived here now for 6 years, studying for 3 and now residing in the Northern Suburbs whilst working in Porirua.</p> <p>As an avid mountain biker, Mt Vic has been a staple for me over the past 6 years. I lived in the CBD for 5 years and would ride there nearly every day. I still come into the city frequently to ride Mt Vic, despite living closer to many other trails out here.</p> <p>The work Trails Wellington has done up there has completely transformed Mt Vic, these refreshed tracks are some of the best I have ridden in NZ. A new flow trail on the other side would be a huge asset and really open up the full potential of the terrain available. This trail would also provide a greater variety of trails , which I believe would encourage even more riders to come up who may be otherwise intimidated by the steeper CBD side of the hill.</p> <p>I hope this proposal is considered favourably and that my submission assists you with your decision.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Kind regards, Tom Wylie</p>
3 5 1	Dan August	<p>I fully support the proposed trail, it would provide a purpose built top to bottom trail experience currently lacking on Matairangi. In offering an alternative trail the capacity for bikers and walkers is increased thus reducing conflict.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Dan August</p>

<p>3 5 2</p>	<p>Rodney Welch</p>	<p>Wow!</p> <p>How awesome is this!</p> <p>An organisation (Wellington Trails) is offering to fund and professionally build a mountain bike track, with broad appeal, in an under-utilised asset close to the Wellington CBD, which will help all users of the park by better defining cycling areas while providing some good old fashion healthy fun which is good for the heart and the mind! WIN, WIN, WIN.</p> <p>It's initiatives like this that will help to make Wellington cool again!</p> <p>Lets do this.</p> <p>Regards Rodney Welch</p>
<p>3 5 3</p>	<p>Paul Jones</p>	<p>To: Pūroro Rangaranga Social, Cultural and Economic Committee</p> <p>I spend a lot of time on Matairangi with the whānau: bike riding, walking, playing and a bit of trail maintenance work and rubbish collecting too. It's so great to have this place as our back yard, and to be able to share it with so many visitors to Wellington.</p> <p>I support the new trail build, as I can see the positive recreational impact it will bring to many people, young and old, for years to come. Being so close to the inner city means many people will ride to it, without needing to drive a car, making it more accessible to young people and also reducing road congestion and fossil fuel use.</p> <p>I have some concerns about the impact the removal of regenerating bush will have on the forest ecosystem. I think this could be mitigated by ensuring a substantial number of new trees are planted on Matairangi (eg, 1 tree per metre of new trail) and a commitment from Trails Wellington/the mountain bike community to help plant and nurture them.</p> <p>Paul Jones Mount Victoria</p>

<p>3 5 4</p>	<p>Living Streets Aotearoa</p>	<p>Living Streets Aotearoa submission on proposed new Mt Victoria Mountain Bike Trail</p> <p>Trails Wellington is proposing a new mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria. Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA) is the national walking and pedestrian advocacy organisation; this submission is from the Wellington branch.</p> <p>Overall comments</p> <p>Living Streets Aotearoa does not support the construction of this trail, as its construction would be contrary to the principles of the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016, specifically (1)(b)(ii)-(iv).</p> <p>In particular, its construction would cause damage to the healthy native ecosystem on the eastern side of the ridge, directly contrary to principle (1)(b)(iii) of the Act. The unauthorised steep downhill plunges from the proposed trail which are likely to follow in the wake of its construction (based on experience from the western side of the ridge) would cause further ecological damage, including damage to the ecosystem's ability to moderate water runoff in storms.</p> <p>In our view, in regard to Principle (1)(b)(v), there is already more than adequate provision for mountainbike (MTB) users on the slopes of Matairangi - Mount Victoria. Approving further such provision would entrench the restriction on the rights of other users, and the negative effects on the ecosystem, which have increased sharply in recent years due to the proliferation of MTB tracks, especially bike priority trails.</p> <p>Further, the construction of such a trail as a bike priority trail rather than a shared use path would represent a further exclusion of walkers and runners from the shared enjoyment of the Town Belt envisaged under the Act, and diminish the accessibility to all envisaged under (1)(b)(iv).</p> <p>In general, LSA considers that, on both sides of the Matairangi - Mount Victoria ridge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due both to authorised and unauthorised construction of MTB trails, there has been a shift away from the original purpose of making all tracks accessible to walkers and runners, to an increasing number of bike priority tracks which walkers and runners are discouraged from using. • In our view, all existing trails on public land, except steep downhill trails, should be made shared-use, allowing a wider group of Wellington residents and ratepayers to benefit. • The number of steep downhill trails should be strictly limited, and unauthorised downhill trails should be closed, due to their effect on the ecosystem. <p>Should Wellington City Council nevertheless decide to permit the construction of this trail, then we submit that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) due to its gradient and its placement, it should be a shared use track rather than a bike priority trail. b) the intersections of this track with existing tracks used by walkers and runners must be designed so that the risk to pedestrians from mountain bikes is minimised. c) MTB organisations should be responsible, and held accountable, for better education of MTB users about the risk they pose to pedestrians and to vegetation (especially natural and planted native vegetation), and for monitoring the behaviour of MTB users. <p>Addressing these points in further detail:</p>
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a) Designation of track

Like many existing walking and shared use tracks on the western side of the Matairangi - Mount Victoria ridge, the proposed new trail broadly follows the contour of the ridge for most of its length, descending at 4-5 degrees. Therefore, it would not constitute a steep downhill trail, and in our view it should be designated as a shared use path.

b) Intersections

This proposed track crosses a number of main and secondary walking and shared use tracks. As mountainbikes travel at speed, and often in groups, there is a significant risk of MTBs crashing into pedestrians at these intersections. This actual and perceived risk of injury discourages some pedestrians, especially older pedestrians and those with disabilities, from using the walking and shared-use track network.

Therefore, at all such intersections, Wellington City Council should use fencing and other design measures to ensure that MTB users must slow and only cross at one, clearly signalled point. Likewise, walkers and runners must be clearly notified of such crossings.

c) User behaviour and training

While design can help to mitigate the risk of accidents caused by MTB users speeding through crossings, MTB users also need to modify their behaviour to reduce the risk to pedestrians. Our members' experience of encountering MTB users on the western slopes of the Matairangi - Mount Victoria ridge is that, while some are careful to slow at intersections and in general behave considerably towards pedestrians, others cross at full speed and expect pedestrians to jump out of their way.

Therefore, we believe the onus is on the members of Trails Wellington and other MTB groups to educate their members on appropriate behaviour when encountering pedestrians, and for the Council to be prepared to take enforcement action against MTB users who persistently endanger pedestrians.

3 5 5	Gareth Delux	<p>Hello, we are writing in regard to the proposal of the new mountain bike track on the Hataitai side of Mt Victoria. The trail is proposed by trails Wellington.</p> <p>As nearby residents we consider the entrance to the track to be too close to the nearby housing and have concerns regarding disruption to the area, Our main concern is noise coming from track users The terrain of the area where the trail start point is proposed has a natural shaped horseshoe type terrain which is very sheltered and quiet. We live very near the proposed entrance site and this will undoubtedly increase the noise pollution heard from our home. We chose to live in this location as we value peace and quiet. We also work shifts and often sleep during day hours, including weekends.</p> <p>The proposed entry to the track will also dissect a preexisting walk access track which has been in use for approximately 10 years.</p> <p>We also feel that there will be light pollution when cyclists use the trail for night rides.</p> <p>We feel the bush environment between the houses and the road on the ridge on upper Hapua St ought not to be dissected by the proposed track.</p> <p>We urge the entry point to start closer to hospital jumps area as this entry point at this point the terrain opens up to less of a horseshoe shape and already has a busy road between the houses and bush and both the elevation of the track and lateral distance is significantly further from the houses than the upper Hapua St area and as such is less likely to cause visual and noise disturbance.</p> <p>We are also concerned of the notification being given as a leaflet drop and feel that both homeowners and residents of the area should be notified and any negative implications of the proposed track pointed out.</p> <p>We believe the tracks current proposed entry is too invasive on the upper residents of Hapua St and request the entrance to the track is moved approximately 200 meters south</p> <p>Please see attached diagram which has outlined the preexisting walking track (in green) Trails Wellington proposed track (in red) and the preferred entrance (in blue) at or from any point south of blue line.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you have trouble opening the attached diagram</p> <p>Kind Regards Gareth</p>
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<p>3 5 6</p>	<p>Dave Houghton</p>	<p>Do we need a new Bike track? I love using the tracks on mount Victoria walking and biking with my family, but I don't think the proposed new track is a good idea.</p> <p>The area proposed for the bike track starting above Hapua street is the only area on mount Vic that is not currently run through with tracks, as seen on the map on the leaflet sent out.</p> <p>On Mount Vic, this area is small but unique, covered with native vegetation, unlike the surrounding regions on Vic, dominated by Conifers. It is also undisturbed by human traffic. Wildlife flourishes here.</p> <p>In recent times this area has seen an increase in birds species, including Morepork, Kererū, and Tui's, and although they are not endangered, their presence does reflect that this habit is healthy and worth preserving. It is also an important area for reptilian wildlife to support several skink and gecko species that have been spotted and enjoy this habitat.</p> <p>Introducing tracks to this area will harm this habitat oasis. Foot traffic will bring invasive species into the area, as can be seen along with other established walking and biking tracks on Vic in the form of Tradescantia, a succulent perennial plant that is an environmental weed, causing significant problems under trees and in bush reserves throughout the North Island.</p> <p>To avoid ruining this habitat, I ask you to reconsider the proposed bike tracks, leaving this area to nature and undisturbed.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>D Houghton.</p>
<p>3 5 7</p>	<p>Euan Watt</p>	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Just wanted to voice my support for the proposed Grade 3 bike trail on Mount Vic. A flow trail of intermediate grade is exactly what is needed on Mount Vic to ensure there are trail options for a greater variety of folks (hence making the sport more inclusive).</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Euan Watt</p>

3 5 8	Marisa Schubert	<p>Dear Wellington Council Team</p> <p>I am writing in support of the proposed new mountain bike trail on Matakairangi.</p> <p>I am a female cyclist, relatively new to the sport on mountain biking (riding for about 1 year). Trails in Makara Mountain Bike park suitable for relative novices allowed me to start building my skill. However living in the Eastern Suburbs there is a limited number of trails to access of an appropriate grade without having to drive.</p> <p>Mountain biking is a sport that has been good for my fitness and for meeting other women doing sport for example the Revolve group, and further trail development in Matakairangi would make the sport more accessible and easier to enjoy.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission.</p> <p>Marisa Schubert</p>
3 5 9	Jack Bennett	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I believe that the proposed Pyramid Scheme Trail would be a great asset to the wider mountain bike community as a purpose built grade 3 trail would be amazing for new people learning to ride to do and would encourage more people to get outdoors and explore the environment.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Jack Bennett</p>
3 6 0	Mark Dangerfield	<p>Mt Vic is a unique place to ride and the fact it is in the centre of our beautiful city makes it even more attractive.</p> <p>Building a new trail here only enhances this beautiful resource.</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Mark Dangerfield</p>
3 6 1	Rob Holmes	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I would like to register my support for the new trail proposed by Trails Wellington on Mt Victoria.</p> <p>The trail network in Wellington is a huge asset that truly makes Wellington a place where talent wants to live. We have a number of people we have recruited from out of town who have referenced the access to mountain bike trails in Wellington as a factor in their decision to move here.</p>
3 6 2	Jon Parker	<p>Hi I support the proposal to build a new grade 3 trail on Mt Vic</p> <p>Mount VIC has a lot of established higher grade trails. something that is a bit easier and so close to the city will be a big bonus. It will also make Mount VIC more attractive to a wider range of riders</p> <p>Mount VIC is a go to spot for lunch time and after work rides from the CBD no cars are need to be involved in getting there.</p> <p>What are the city in the world as the Trail so close? Let's capitalise on that</p>

3 6 3	Anonymous	<p>Dear Reader,</p> <p>Unlike, most emails you have been receiving say how cool and fun a new jumps trail would be and the economic impacts and how we don't have trails like this around the southern suburbs. I want to tell you a story about my battle with mental health in the past few couple of years that I still partly haven't recovered from. I hope it convinces you that the trail you build isn't just a trail, but an area for relief, refreshment, roosting and the idea that life is worth living.</p> <p>I'm going to sum up my meetings with depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts and describe how mountain biking pulled me through all of it.</p> <p>As well as mountain biking I am a passionate Underwater Hockey (UWH) player. I do this very often (nearly every night) and it has an amazing social community. When underwater hockey ramped up the year before last, I had loads of new experiences, such as having a girlfriend (who played UWH) and representing where I belong. Between now and that then, I suffered 2 break ups in exams, depression and my girlfriend has now started dating my best friend which has basically ended our ten year long friendship. My bike was also broken which limited the time I could spend with my friends to school time. I was extremely confused, annoyed and I found it harder and harder to go to the pool or spend time around my friends.</p> <p>It got to the point where I would barely eat and lie in bed the whole day feeling horrible. This caused my relationship with my parents to fall apart. Suicidal outcomes in my life were flying through my head. Not only I wanted to hurt myself, but I wanted to say horrible things to people and hurt them. I was so very scared and I was losing hope fast. I'm just lucky I never got to the point where it got to that I had to do it.</p> <p>The second time my girlfriend broke up with me hospital jumps had just opened. I felt horrible as I was very confused and sad. I know I couldn't let this ruin my Friday so straight from her house, I hit up the new line with my mates. The feeling of hitting flows jumps especially like that is one of the most refreshing things possible. Even on my hardtail, the feeling of flying through the air sideways is amazing. When thing like breakups happen, they hammer me for days and I feel horrible and I cannot forget them whatsoever. I do not know how, but I don't think I though about it for the rest of that day because all I could think about was bike trails.</p> <p>I don't think you can really know how healing, fun and a feel good time mountain biking is until you really know how it makes you feel when your in the dumps. Mountain biking literally saved my mental health. Currently I bike at least twice a week and in only in Mt Vic as it's close and has good flow. This help me keep in a good mood and helps me cope at the pool. Feel they way the bike jumps and moves to a certain rhythm. Spray some dirt making the most satisfying noise made by something on two wheels. All of this combined, makes me feel free from everything and that all that matters is me, the bike and the trail.</p> <p>I'm not sure if this last part is helpful/needed, but the teacher that ran the mountain biking club at school had a really cool bike. However it broke and he just never got around to getting it fixed. Sadly his mental health deteriorated and he passed away. I often wondered if biking could've helped him like it did me.</p> <p>So can you please consider making this trail, not just for my mental health, but for other people out there who maybe suffering too. Life is about living, being around your friends and having fun. Mountain biking unlike UWH is not tied to specific locations, mountain biking is one big community. The Mount Victoria community is where I feel most at home and another trail there would not only improve lots of things, but it would also improve the area, the community, the friends and the support they give you when your down. Even a trail exciting as this would get ex bikers back on their bikes.</p>
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		<p>I often think that I only need a bike, not UWH gear, nor a car or a girlfriend. Because a bike is the only thing that truly heals me when I'm out with it.</p> <p>Thank you for reading my story and please consider it,</p>
3 6 4	Libby Barnett	Another epic track to add to Wellington's world class trail network. A healthy and exciting way to get and keep people active in our wonderful city :)

3 6 5	Suzy Hume	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>Firstly I would like to say a big thank you for all your amazing work, as a regular walker on Matairangi I appreciate all the recreation your tracks have provided for all ages and it is especially great seeing so many young utilising some of the recently developed tracks. These tracks are not near any residences and generally work well with walkers.</p> <p>This proposed track will be a disruption to my residence which is on the pedestrian access of upper Hapua St. I urge you to please start the track South of the pedestrian component of Hapua St, as the track will be close to our houses, bring increased noise and alter the peaceful environment of our location. If the residents of Hapua St that have Hapua St road on their Western side are happy for the track to proceed this may be because they have a buffer of the road and more bush to separate their residence from the track's activity. But if they are not happy with the track to proceed in their location, I am in support of them.</p> <p>I appreciate that I am late getting this submission in but I do feel the consultation process was inadequate and I expect you will include my submission.</p> <p>I request to do an oral submission please.</p> <p>Ngā mihi,</p> <p>Suzi Hume</p>
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<p>3 6 6</p>	<p>Jack Guerin</p>	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>My name is Jack. I work in Wellington as a young professional in the cadastral surveying industry.</p> <p>I have been mountain biking ever since I was a little kid and have developed skills on more technical trails in Wellington since I moved here from dunedin.</p> <p>From my experience of riding at Mount Victoria, I have found that the trails are steep with roots and rocks. These types of trails require skills that have to be developed on easier trails. At this point in time Mt Vic doesn't really have a trail that bridges the gap between the skills park and the likes of trails called "V" and "Damien's". The latter grade 5 trails.</p> <p>To have a grade 3 flow trail would mean great things for the future of mountain biking at Mt Vic. They have hosted weekend events there in the past but these have been limited by the tracks and conditions. It would allow for less experienced riders to get involved in these fun events.</p> <p>The ability to ride down Mt Vic after work along a dedicated bike track into hataitai instead of along the walking tracks.</p> <p>It will promote some awesome interest in mount vic as a biking destination as shown by the recent opening of the hospital jumps.</p> <p>I would recommend that the bike trail and existing walking tracks be kept separate if possible as this can be a hazard/danger to both parties.</p> <p>All in all, I personally am without a doubt keen for a new bike track in Wellington.</p> <p>Thanks for your time.</p> <p>Regards, Jack Guerin</p>
<p>3 6 7</p>	<p>Hayden Hockly</p>	<p>I am excited by and fully endorse the proposed Pyramid scheme trail on Mt Vic. The terrain and aspect should be quite different to the north-west side trails and i would anticipate that as there are far fewer walkers on this side a much lower incidence of trail conflict. Continue the great work!</p> <p>Cheers Hayden</p>

3	Tony Allen	Dear Wellington City Council
6		I'm a banker who lives in Mount Victoria and who is learning to mountain bike. I'm very excited about the new Trail that will be in my backyard. My wife and
8		I often walk in Mount Victoria and will continue to do so. This new trail will improve my quality of life and I can't wait for it to get built. Sincerely Tony Allen