

9 February 2024

To whom it may concern,

This purpose of this letter is to inform you that Swannanoa Preschool is in support of the proposed rezoning of the land adjacent to Swannanoa Preschool at 1275 Tram Road.

Swannanoa Preschool Inc has been operating for over 35 years, and for the past 16 years, has been located at 1303 Tram Road, on the Swannanoa School grounds. Our centre is a beautiful modern environment with extensive outdoor areas that reflect our natural surroundings. Most of our tamariki attend preschool between 9am and 3pm each workday (our opening hours), with 15 minute either side of these times being high-volume.

The rural appeal and our community hub are touchstones of our preschool, which has enviroschool green-gold certification (the highest certification and something we are incredibly proud of). We value the community and environmental outcomes we facilitate and are proud that our contribution has been independently recognised.

Swannanoa/Mandeville is a high growth area, and we support targeted growth in our local community. Swannanoa preschool is proud to be a central support hub and essential service to local and future families.

We appreciate the forethought of integrating a cycleway and pathway between the proposed development and Swannanoa Preschool and Swannanoa Primary School. This is something we believe will be well utilised by our local community.

Health and safety is a crucial consideration for our Preschool (along with the adjacent school). We have approximately 100 tamariki on site at Preschool on any given day, and due to our rural location and hours, all arrive by car within a 15-minute window at 9am and then back again by 3pm. Supporting our whānau and future whānau with local and safe connections can only be of benefit.

We welcome the generous donation of a strip of land adjoining land to enlarge our car park area. Exploring possible alternative entrances to the carpark is something that is of considerable interest to improve access and reduce risk.

This proposed development will provide opportunities to improve our preschool, and particularly our carpark area by:

- The extra space would allow us to adjust the traffic flow/direction (we could explore a one-way route through the carpark area);
- We would be able to install an additional walking path, which would greatly enhance the safety of our tamariki in the car park.
- Enhancing the possibility of access outside of Tram Road, a rural arterial thoroughfare, and greater signposting and appropriate infrastructure would be advantageous; and
- We welcome attracting more whānau to our preschool.

*Whangia ka tupu, ka puawai,
That which is nurtured, blossoms and grows*



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We are very proud to serve local whānau hope to work in partnership with this proposed development to continue our essential community service and build communities into the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Ngā mihi

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Centre Manager/ Board Chair
on behalf of
Swannanoa Preschool Inc.

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