Dear sir/madam.

I have lived in the Castle Hill area and on Showground Rd (located at no.148) for 29 years. I have raised my family here and I am soon to retire in this area. I have watched the Hills District undergo significant change and development over the last 30 years. I have never been against sensible and sustainable development, and I am in strong favour of the State governments infrastructure light rail development. I only wish it had happened many years ago. I am also in favour of rezoning my land and the surrounding landowners to R4. Rezoning to anything less (townhouses and medium density) in my opinion would be a great waste of such prime land and would deny many more future residents the opportunity to live in such a wonderful area. I would be immensely disappointed if the council ignored the united voice of the residents who are also in favour of rezoning to R4, given we are the rate payers and voters council and government are elected to represent without prejudice. The location of the rezoning proposal for Showground Rd lends itself to a sloping topography with no issues of overshadowing or loss of natural light, and therefore having a rezoning R4 is the most sensible and sustainable use of the land. Anything less would be a travesty and waste of prime real estate. Furthermore it would be a great loss of a once in a lifetime opportunity for the Hills District community.

I hope you give due consideration to this submission.

Yours sincerely