

Good afternoon

I do not oppose fast-tracking the development at Tauriko West, however, I would like to know that the points I raise have been addressed and planned for before development begins:

1. I would like land set aside for a new co-educational secondary school within Tauriko West and ideally fast-tracked to open as soon as possible

- Tauranga is New Zealand’s sixth largest local authority in terms of population.
- estimated resident population of 131,500 people as at 30 June 2017
- By 2033, we estimate that the population will reach 164,084 people,
(TAURANGA STATISTICAL INFORMATION REPORT MAY 2018 www.tauranga.govt.nz)

Currently in Tauranga area (I am excluding Papamoa and Mt Maunganui as those living in Tauranga can't easily access these schools), we have 3 public state secondary schools. These are:

- **Otumoetai College** opened in 1965 and teaches Years 9-13. It is Tauranga's only public coeducational secondary school and has a current school roll of just over 2000 students.
- **Tauranga Boys College:** opened in 1946 as a co-educational school, then became Boys College in 1958 due to overcrowding. It teaches Years 9-13 and has a current roll of just over 2000 students also
- **Tauranga Girls College** opened in 1958 and teaches Years 9-13. The current school roll sits just over 1300 students

I have not included the following secondary schools to my list as they are not available to everyone due to the reasons listed below:

- **ACG Tauranga** (private) costs \$24,000 per student per year!
- **Bethlehem College** is a Christian school (with compulsory fees) which means many will choose not to access it, and of those that do, not all are accepted outside of the Christian faith.
- **Aquinas College** is a Catholic school (with compulsory fees) which means many will choose not to access it, and of those that do, not all are accepted outside of the Catholic faith.

I believe a new secondary school is needed in the immediate future and Tauriko West would be a great location. It would be easily accessed by many of the high growth areas within Tauranga.



Figure 5: Current and planned urban growth areas

(Section 32 Report, Proposed Change 4, Tauriko West Urban Limits Change, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, May 2018, Pg 30)