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Dear DMC

My name is Te Huatahi Hawira and I have already stated that I wish to speak at the TTR hearing and that I wish to speak in my home town Whanganui.

Approximately 532 people have requested to speak through your submission process on the KASM site alone and I think it is very disappointing that you have not followed the same process as the previous submission by which the EPA sent us the information personally via email. This allowed local people to be fully informed.

I am extremely disappointed that the EPA has not chosen the logical locations of Whanganui and Patea to hold the hearing.

We are the locals who live in the area directly affected by the TTR application and yet you have bypassed us.

The EPA are fully aware of the issues facing our community and we wish to speak in our environment where the impact will be most felt.

The lack of consideration to our people both Iwi and local Whanganui is offensive .

This is an injustice of the process and will also occur a great cost to us as a community not to mention mass inconvenience of travelling, accomodation costs and taking time of work. Unlike the EPA as a community we are not paid to take part in the submission but forced to protect our environment yet again after the last failure of TTR.

Once again our community is being disadvantaged

Skype is not an acceptable approach for our community and will lack the face to face respect that is due to our people

To avoid our towns Whanganui and Patea is like a red flag to a bull , simply EPA is making a bold statement 'local people dont matter and we are not invested in hearing you speak "

I request a scheduled spot for all of us to deliver on the same day.

As for Venues in Whanganui and Patea, that is a not a problem.

I would appreciate a response as quickly as possible please

Regards Te Huatahi