

# To Waikato District Councillors

We are 4 of many Tamahere Primary School students who are very upset about not being able to use the Hamilton City Libraries.

These are our main problems:

- There are 6 libraries in the Waikato District, none which are close to the Tamahere/Matangi residents.
- Travel time increases from a couple of minutes to over an hour return trip. Hillcrest is closer to Tamahere than Cambridge which is the next closest but our parents do all their shopping and jobs in Hamilton which is only 10 minutes away.
- We are in zone for the Hamilton schools Berkley and Hillcrest High, however we cannot access the libraries??
- New library in Tamahere residential area will cost a lot and will take a very long time to build and get underway. Meanwhile, we are left with what?
- Mobile library is not suitable, times, days and the selection of books will be limited.
- E-books - not all families use or have these devices.

We love reading and you are making it difficult for us. We need to be listened to. Many families, like my own, have been going to the Hamilton libraries all of our lives and we have a great passion for reading.

Hopefully you reverse this silly decision.

Regards

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