

Bylaw Hearings Panel
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Wednesday 13 September 2023
Time: 9.36am
Venue: Cruising and Prohibited Times on Roads Bylaw
Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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Cruising and Prohibited Times on Roads Bylaw

Submission to Council by Kieran Brewster

A brief introduction...

- Resident of Branston Street since 2012
- Ratepayer of the Hornby Ward and Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area
- I love the area and what it has to offer now and into the future, with one exception...

The Behaviours...

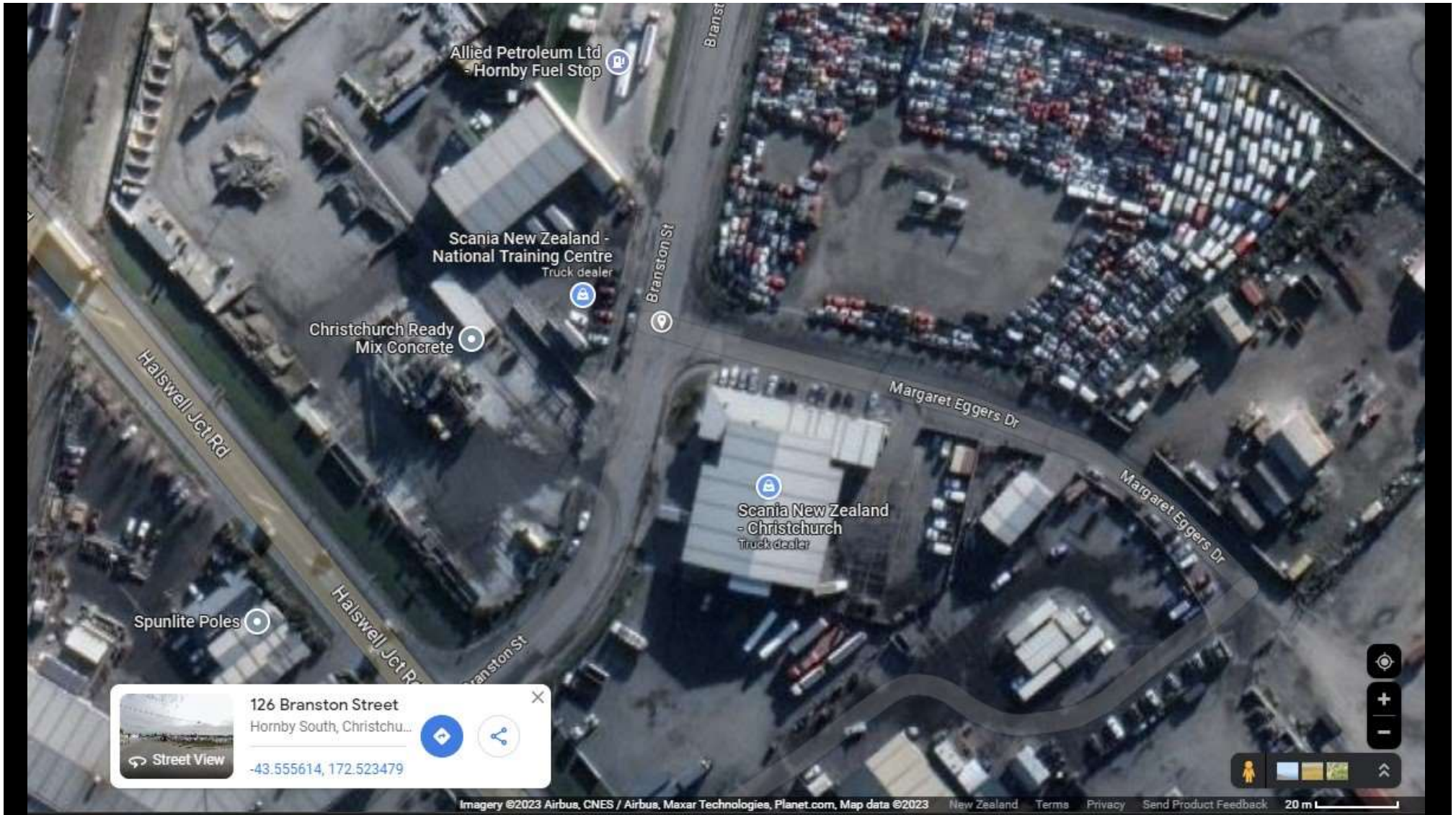
- Antisocial use of vehicles (burnouts, skids, doughuts) on Branston Street late at night and into the early hours of the morning
- Mass gatherings of boy-racers on Branston Street which can hinder access and intimidate bona fide users of the road
- Rubbish, litter, and tyre debris left behind most weekends requiring cleanup

The issues...

- The industrial end of Branston Street is being often used as a burnout pad between Halswell Junction Road and the intersection of Boston Ave with Branston Street.
- The vehicles involved in this activity often have after-market or modified exhaust systems increasing their audible volume especially at sustained high RPM in a burnout
- By the time a Police response arrives they have almost always moved on, often to return later, once the Police have left the area

The area...

- Halswell Junction Road end of Branston Street...





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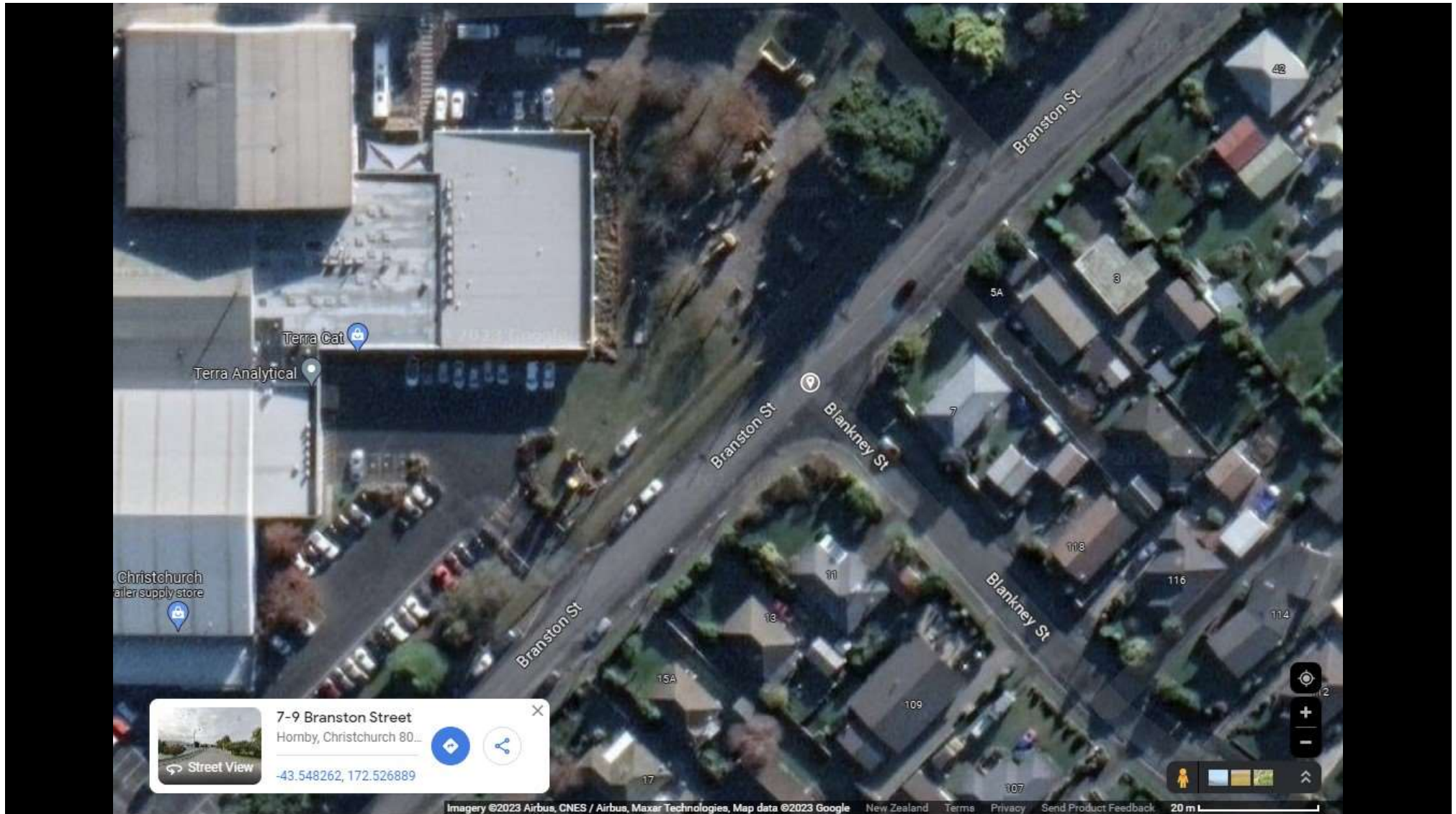






Just up the road...

- The intersection of Branston Street and Blankney Street









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Impact...

- Insomnia and anxiety sufferers getting little recharge/relax time over the weekends due to anti social driving behaviours
- Families with young children/babies being disrupted due to broken sleep and anxious kids due to anti social driving behaviours
- Night shift workers having crucial sleep disrupted by anti social driving behaviours

Ideal outcomes...

- Prohibited times order put in place for the length of Branston Street excluding residents and bona fide visitors – Halswell Junction Road to Amyes Road
- Video Surveillance tools similar to other areas of Christchurch installed so 'peak times' can be monitored, and offenders reported to Police and fines imposed

Out of Scope...

- Included in my submission were comments about disruption from heavy traffic noise and vibration late at night and into the early morning
- I thank the council for their response pointing out that this is under the umbrella of The Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw – we will engage further down this avenue.

Thank you for your time.