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Subject: Kailua Neighborhood Board Concerns with Proposed Expansion of the Hawaiian Memorial Park
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Aloha Mr. Derrickson and Mr. Sato,
The Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB) first considered the subject Draft Environmental Impact Statement in July, 2008 and established a position which remains in effect. The KNB concerns regarding the expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery are enumerated in the attached letter. We appreciate your consideration of these KNB concerns.

Aloha,
Bill Hicks, Chairman KNB



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Subject: Hawaiian Memorial Park Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Aloha Mr. Derrickson and Mr. Sato,

The Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB) first considered the subject DEIS in July, 2008 and established a position which remains in effect. The KNB has the following concerns regarding the expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery:

1. Most of the project area has slopes of more than 20%, which will require grading of slopes up to 50% slope.
2. The project site is a natural forest area that acts as a watershed and recharge area.
3. Kawa Stream is identified as an "impaired waterway" under the Federal Clean Water Act with a TMDL Implementation Plan. Currently Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP) is a major contributor to pollution to the stream and further expansion will increase runoff into Kawa Stream and eventually Kaneohe Bay.
4. Increased impervious surfaces will reduce rainwater infiltration into the underlying aquifer.
5. Homes adjacent to HMP currently experience flooding from vegetated hillside because of inadequate drainage. Excavation of 33-forested acres to accommodate 30,000 burial plots will reduce drainage and exacerbate flooding. There was a mudslide in the 1980's that ran through people's homes and killed one person.
6. Development will adversely impact the cultural and historical complex. The following sites have been identified in and near the petition area so far:

Sites in the petition area:

- #4680 historic
- #4683 historic
- #4684 pre-contact
- #4686 historic
- #6930 pre-contact
- #6931 pre-contact
- #6932 historic
- #6933 historic

Sites near the petition area:

- #345 pre-contact – Kawa`ewa`e Heiau, listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- #4681 pre-contact
- #6929 pre-contact
- #6931 pre-contact

We appreciate your consideration of these KNB concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William M. Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William M. Hicks, Chairman