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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 27, 2019 11:43 AM  
**To:** DBEDT LUC  
**Subject:** Hawaii Memorial Opposition

Aloha Land Use Commission,

I am a concerned resident of Ko'olaupoko. I am here to state my opposition to the rezoning of conservation land into urban land regarding the expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery. I oppose this issue because the chemical runoff from the current burial area contributes to the Kāwā stream that washes straight into Kāne'ōhe Bay. Another reason is that the land that would potentially be turned into urban land has historic and cultural significance. Lastly, the chemicals in the bodies buried release chemicals into the ground where we get our water from. The expansion of Hawaiian Memorial impacts the surrounding community directly. The Kāwā Stream that I previously mentioned is known to be the most polluted stream in the state of Hawai'i. The water from the stream enters the bay where our residents fish and dive. It also happens to go into Waikalua Loko I'a. A source of pollutants in the water comes from the chemicals in the products used to maintain the quality of the grass of the cemetery. Within the 53 acres planned to be used for the expansion, only 14 acres will be undeveloped. This is due to the heiau located in this area. I appreciate the concern for this area and heiau but what about the other areas within the 53 acres where historical artifacts were found. Another big concern I have is about the embalming fluid that the ground takes in from the bodies. There is also an endangered native species of Damselfly that is endemic to the island of Oahu and the plan to support this endangered species is poorly thought through. I am asking that the Land Use Commission considers the extreme effects that community and natural resources will experience immediately and long term with the continuance of the expansion of the Hawaiian Memorial. The watershed, further stream contamination, historical structures, and endangered native species are at stake. I hope you put yourself in the shoes of the community members that would be affected directly and indirectly.

Mahalo,  
Heiley Hacoba