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Hey there, just a few points to add regarding the landslide in McCrae. I lived in McCrae, a bit further up the hill from the landslide, for 10 years and have now moved to Mt Martha.

** Firstly, did the home that slid down the hill or those who were evacuated temporarily not have insurance to cover the cost of the security guard, fencing, lights, cameras etc ????. Why is it that the whole peninsula rate payers are responsible for this cost??? If my home burns, or floods, do the rate payers pay for it to be protected whilst the authorities figure what to do next??? REALLY????

** Not sure if any of you realize, that before white settlement, that side of Arthurs Seat and Anthony;s Nose area was actually waterfalls. Probably not wise to build there in the beginning. approx 75 years ago, a similar incident occurred. *see attached - Herald article [14 Jul 1952 - LANDSLIDE HITS EIGHT HOUSES -](#)

** Also, not sure if any of you realize that this section of the mountain is on the Selwyn Fault line, which is still active and does move from time to time. One of my friends father built the most northern house on that section of McCrae and as he was a structural engineer, he knew to anchor it to the hillside to secure it for future movement etc. I wonder if any of the other homes along the section were???

** Another friend who wanted to buy a home along this section of the mountain was told by insurance companies that they would not insure any homes along this section. If the insurers know of the risk, why does the state govt and council engineers not know of the risk and still allow building permits? Clearly the risk has existed for a long time given previous events.

** It is quite obvious that the more clearing that is done up the mountain, the more water which will come down the side to the bottom, so any proposals for land clearing, building, etc should be seriously looked at before a bigger disaster happens. ie The Eagle expansion, the proposed Arthurs Seat Escarpment Plan etc.

** In closing, I suggest that you do not give any more permits to build on such steep compromised land.

Thanks, Judy O'Donnell, Mt Martha.

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