## Butterfly Circle and surrounding areas.

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Dear Sir,



## Re: The proposed sea wall to block the sea water coming up through the Savannah Gully.

We the undersigned owners of lots in residential development of Savannah Heights which constitute the house lots along Butterfly Circle and surrounding areas hereby state that we strongly support the building of the proposed wall following the design that as was presented at the last public meeting by the experts hired the Government.

We strongly support the building of the wall for the following reasons:-

- For too long the people of Savannah Heights, Savannah Meadows and surrounding areas have been suffering from severe storm surges which can occur even when a hurricane passes over 100 miles away from Cayman.
- Hundreds of millions of gallons of salt water come in and kills lawns and trees which take many months of frustration along with the expense of replanting to recover.
- 3. The main road going East from the Savannah Dominos Pizza is blocked for long periods and cars that decide to drive through will face salt water damage which can be very slow but will lead to additional expenses as car parts will have to be replaced which could be a year later.
- 4. Some home owners whose homes are located in areas where the water drains off very slowly have no choice but to drive through the salt water every morning and evening and this will hasten the damage to their motor vehicles.
- This repetitive flooding has reduced the value of the homes in the areas and resale is very difficult if not impossible for obvious reasons.
- 6. Some homes are actually flooded and these people not only have to abandon their homes but also lose furniture, appliances and other personal effects.

- 7. If you look at the physical cost, the time factor and cost of inconvenience and other delayed costs like auto repairs one year later, we will find that the cost to the residents and Cayman Government has gone into the millions of dollars with no end in sight unless the wall is built.
- 8. We believe the engineers who prepared the detailed presentation for the people of Savannah to review were genuine professionals and there is clear precedent overseas where in other countries (e.g. The Netherlands) sea walls have been successfully built to keep out storm waters.
- 9. We do understand that the wall will only stop the storm surge from a Category 1 and 2 hurricane but the fact is we are very happy with this as it is very rare that Grand Cayman is hit by a Category 3 and above hurricane.
- 10. We find it highly unusual where we have the people of Savannah Heights, Savannah Meadows and surrounding areas who have been crying out for relief from their annual suffering and we have people who are not affected that are trying to block it.

Finally we are asking the Planning Department to grant approval to the building of the wall as soon as possible so that the suffering of the people of the two neighbourhoods previously mentioned as well as people in the surrounding areas, together with the people having to travel through the water can be relieved.

Sincerely,

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