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Declaration:

I do not stand to gain commercial advantage from my submission and I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I am seeking the following relief:

Blue Mountains:

The road will not cope with any additional traffic. It is enormously unfit for the current traffic levels with multiple near misses every time you drive up or down the road. The tight, blind corners and in some parts of the road being slightly bigger than a single lane is not suitable for current traffic (including logging trucks). Significant work would need to be completed on this road. The road has already been reduced to 50km per hour, so a further reduction would not be adequate. There is zero maintenance done on this road and there has been a promise for over 20 years to make the road wider and safer which has yet to be acted on.

There is no public transport throughout Whitemans Valley or Blue Mountains which means the road would quickly become overcrowded. A bus service is not viable on Blue Mountains Hill road. It is very difficult for services like ambulances and fire engines to travel Blue Mountains Hill Road and some parts of Whiteman's road.

Re-zoning and size of allowed properties. I do not agree in any way with the proposed sizes of properties. These should stay at the current size (1ha) to ensure that the aesthetics of a country area remain. The ideal would be 2 ha.

There are currently issues with electricity supply, no sewage, water or other town facilities. A lot of areas still do not have access to internet, with zero access to fibre.

The roading in Silverstream is sub-par with no maintenance for years and the intersections both by the train station and moving on and off SH2 is already a major hindrance to access. There is not enough car parking at Silverstream or Trentham to be able to catch a train into Wellington.

All of these issues can easily be addressed proactively in PC50 and the infrastructure should be in place before any development occurs in Whitemans Valley (or Blue Mountains, Mangora).

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