

SUBMISSION 109

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I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

No

The specific provisions of the proposed Plan Change that my submission relates to are as follows

Berkett Farm and zoning

My submission is that

I would like to put in a submission regarding the Plan Change 50 especially as we have not been consulted on this potential change. I do not stand to gain commercial advantage from my submission. I wish to be heard in support of my submission. I feel that there has been no public consultation or communication regarding the Berkett farm precinct proposal. There is no clear indication of where the public access and egress in the valley will be. Assuming it would be in the region of 100+ new dwellings being built and the supposition that there is normally 2 cars per dwelling, it would lead to approximately 200 extra vehicles on the current poor public roads in the valley What will happen with the private road that goes into the current houses that are already in the proposed development? The proposed development looks to be on the UHCC Natural Hazards Map as a high slope risk, which I would have thought that the Council would have social and legal obligation to the community not to endanger lives and property by allowing building in unsuitable areas. I currently enjoy the sounds and sights of native animals and birds that would disappear if significant land and building development goes ahead. When you move to the lifestyle blocks you do so because you want a change in lifestyle, you don't want to have a load of

neighbours, and you want a quality of life you get from having peace and quiet. You also accept that you don't have town water or septic, but you are prepared for this as it is a compromise that you accept. It does feel that the Council is wanting to change the zoning regulations and especially the established minimum lifestyle restrictions of minimum size of properties to be able to ensure that the Berkett farm precinct development project goes ahead.

I seek the following decision from the local authority

I am seeking the following relief.

- Ideally I would like to see Option 1 of the proposed Berkett farm precinct to be enacted, resulting in no change
- 10 acre minimum blocks that other places in the Valley have, that there should not be any properties on the Southern Hills as this is where people currently live and it will ruin their lifestyle.
- I would like to see the roads in certain places widened to ensure cars can be get past each other safely and the roads maintained to a higher standard.
- I would like to see the council able to say "no" to Developers plans, that, as is set out in Section 32 would not provide employment opportunities or economic benefits to the region.
- There is no environmental advantage of destroying large swathes of natural vegetation to "engineer" designer spots of vegetation.

Please indicate whether you wish to be heard in support of your

submission (tick appropriate box)

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.

please indicate whether you wish to make a joint case at the hearing if others make a similar submission (tick appropriate box)

I do not wish to make a joint case.