

SUBMISSION 127

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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

PC50 Rural issues

My submission is that

it will be emailed

I seek the following decision from the local authority

whatever

Please indicate whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission (tick appropriate box)

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Submission PC50.

We support the “Berkett Farm Precinct” as proposed in the Plan Change 50.

We have farmed in Whitemans Valley for almost 50 years, Noeline has lived and farmed here for almost 78 years, is a Whiteman descendant, and both of us are proud of our involvement in the Valley over many, many years.

The property at 528 Whitemans Valley was purchased in 2000, after we sold the dairy farm at TVL Road. 528 was undeveloped as a farm, we did that over the next 4 years or so, and it has been a labour of love, we both love the land and have let many others enjoy it, through horse riding, walking, and hunting .

We are pleased that Plan Change 50 protects the bush on the farm, as there is a lot of regenerating natives, Rimu, Rata, Miro, and other native species.

As no sites will be visible from Whitemans Valley Road, the rural views won't be changed. Plan Change 50 will also take traffic effects into consideration, and can grant or refuse any Subdivision Consent application. So, Council have absolute control re traffic effects.

The farm is not a “stand alone” viable farm, it has been subsidised by our contracting business, other lease blocks and a steadily increasing overdraft.

Jeff is 80 in 2 months time, Noeline 78 soon after, we still work 7 days a week, all year round, perhaps we are due some semi-retirement.

With the increasing pressure from Government groups and outside influences, farming close to any urban area is getting increasingly difficult and very costly.

We would venture to say that all lifestyle blocks in Whitemans Valley/Mangaroa Valley, were once high producing farms, mainly dairy, and have been subdivided so that people can enjoy a rural lifestyle, the same ones that are now “throwing stones” at us.

We wish to speak to our submission

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