

SUBMISSION 156

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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

Plan Change 50

My submission is that

1. Wildlife, has anybody considered what all of the extra housing will do to the local wildlife including the native Falcon/Hawk that lives out here in the valley including on the proposed subdivision of Berketts farm. It seems no consultation of what effects removing the nesting places of local native birds will have once there is an increase of homes within this large area. The Native Falcon which is found in Whitemans is the country's most threatened bird of prey, with only around 3000–5000 breeding pairs remaining in the whole of the country.
2. Mangaroa School - At present the local school is at its maximum capacity with there already being a waiting list for children wanting to attend. Without the ability of local children being able to attend the local school it puts more pressure on the school and its staff to be able to find a way to accommodate them. Also if the school does find ways to enrol more kids it once again puts even more strain on the local roads that barely handle the traffic it has now. Many local children already walk to school and the roadside and the increase of traffic and the lack of proper walking berms is a complete disaster waiting to happen if the proposed changes take place.
3. Whitemans Valley and Mangaroa valley are one of the most picturesque valleys within the whole of the Wellington region and especially Upper Hutt region. The proposed changes will massively change the valley with a much more dense population, with much more housing and with much more traffic. None of these things can be reversed and once the beautiful and quiet character of the valley is lost it can't be reversed. It is lost forever.

I seek the following decision from the local authority

1. Do some proper consultation of local wildlife including our local and endangered native falcon before you start removing possible nesting areas. Do some study on what damage the increasing population will do within these wildlife hillside farmlands and breeding grounds within the proposed Berketts farm subdivision.
 2. Do some study on the school and the amount of extra children it can handle (if any at all) with the big increase of local people wanting to attend because of the proposals. Also look at the roading and the roadside walking berms (or serious lack of side berms) allowing more local rural children to be able to safely walk/cycle to school.
 3. End all of the prospered changes now and start again with the council looking objectively about how the valleys function, how they look, what the locals want (as we were never consulted) and put together a new plan that does increase the population but does it slower without destroying the character of the valley. This allows time for things like roading and schools etc to be altered and fixed so as they can handle the extra traffic safely and gives more time to study how these things can be done with destroying one the most beautiful rural valleys situated within a couple of minutes of a city in the world.
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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 wish to make a joint case.
