

SUBMISSION 182

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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

1. Minimum allotment size 2. Roding infrastructure 3. Environmental impact 4. Minimum water supply

My submission is that

I'm totally against the minimum allotment size being reduced to 4000m. I wish the existing allotment size to remain as is. Changing the allotment size would open the valley up for further development on the Whitemans Valley hills which in my view is unacceptable. In terms of accessibility, the location of Berketts Farm Precinct is about as far away as you can possibly get from any form of public transport. The roading infrastructure that Berketts Farm properties would need to use to access either Silverstream or Upper Hutt is in extremely poor condition. A majority of the road between the two entry points is single lane. As there is no public transport, this would put further pressure on existing roads such as Blue Mountains hill road. In terms of environmental impact, this development goes

against the councils stated position in "Sustainability Strategy 2020" whereby one of the stated goals is "We will prioritise protecting and enhancing our natural environment. " This development will also have more than minor impacts on the local environment, in terms of water run off, discharge from Septic tanks. And with climate change impacting rainfall events, the minimum stated level of 38,000 litres of potable water is insufficient. During a prolonged dry spell, this will leave very little water available for emergency services in the event of a fire.

I seek the following decision from the local authority

Not to proceed with the Berkett Farm Precinct in any manner.

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.
