

SUBMISSION 209

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- Declaration: We do not stand to gain commercial advantage from our submission.
- We wish to be heard in support of our submission.
- We are seeking the following relief:-

Re: Submission on Plan Change 50 – Berkett's Farm Development, Whitemans Valley Road

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of Berkett's Farm on Whitemans Valley Road, as outlined in Plan Change 50. My main concern lies with the lack of prior community consultation on this matter, and I request to be heard in support of my application before any further decisions are made.

The proposed development of an extra 100 plus houses in what is currently a serene, tranquil rural community makes a mockery of our city's previous strategies of reducing the human housing footprint and preserving rural areas.

The impacts of the proposed development extend beyond aesthetic concerns. Specifically the changes would result in increased traffic, increased noise, and light pollution, adversely affecting the existing residents of Whitemans Valley Road and the surrounding Valley. I moved my family to this area for the peace and privacy that the rural landscape provides, and I am deeply concerned that this development would undermine those qualities. On top of this, the destruction of native bushlands and potential water runoff issues pose significant threats to our environment. Turning this substantial farmland into a suburban development would not only alter the character of the area but also diminish the overall rural landscape in Upper Hutt.

I urge the Council to prioritize the conservation of the farmland and bushland that currently exists on the property and in the Valley.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose the development of Berkett's Farm Precinct proposed in Plan Change 50 and urge the Upper Hutt City Council to reconsider this proposal. I request that a comprehensive and transparent community consultation process be initiated to ensure that the voices and concerns of the residents directly impacted by this development are taken into account.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the Council will make decisions that prioritize the well-being and wishes of the community.

Regards,
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