

# SUBMISSION 218

**Name (Please use your full name)**

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**I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission**

No

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

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**My submission is that**

Declaration: I do not stand to gain commercial advantage from my submission. I wish to be heard in support of my submission. Berketts Farm Precinct It is currently not safe to walk down the road from our house the short 180m to my sister's house next door. Whitemans Valley Road and the Blue Mountains Hill access road are both very narrow for a majority of their length. There is little or no allowance for pedestrians, cyclists or road users other than for motor vehicles. Driving north through the valley from Silverstream on Tuesday 14 November, we encountered a Ute pulling a horse float. There was insufficient room where we intersected, including the road-side verge, for our small Toyota Corolla to safely pass by the other vehicle. The road was simply not wide enough with a ditch on one side and a steep drop-off on the other. The intended development of the Berketts Farm Precinct as detailed in Proposed Plan Change 50 will significantly increase traffic on roading infrastructure which is widely acknowledged to be inadequate for the current volume of traffic it carries. Should this development go ahead I fear that it will result in the death of a cyclist, pedestrian or other recreational road user, even that of a motor vehicle driver.

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**I seek the following decision from the local authority**

I am seeking the following relief Berketts Farm Precinct Before allowing this development to proceed, Council needs to improve the valley access and thoroughfare roading. Whitemans Valley Road needs to be increased to two lanes with centre line marking throughout. A footpath for pedestrians, residents, cyclists, horse riders and other recreational users should also be added. Street lighting at blind corners would also be beneficial. Yours Sincerely, Jacqui Diggins

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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.

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**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.

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**If your submission is over 500 words, please upload a word document with your submission. Please provide the questions as your headers before each paragraph.**

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**Submission on Proposed Plan Change 50 to the Upper Hutt City Council District Plan (2004) – Rural Review.**

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