

Submission AGAINST Berkett Subdivision

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I wish to make a submission *against* the Berkett Farm development on Whitemans Valley Rd, found in Plan Change 50. There was no prior community consultation from the Council ✓ certainly that I heard about!

From what I believe is the general thrust of direction for the UHCC, this subdivision goes against the general direction of rural planning, which is to reduce the number of rural dwellings in the Valley.

Additionally, this sub-division would;

- Cause destruction of native bush.
- Increase water runoff, including increased sedimentation into the creek.
- Increase flood incidents due to removal of bush cover.
- Increase destruction of biodiversity due to clearing the land for house sites, garages and shed sites and yards, and creating additional pastures.
- Increased traffic on Whitemans Valley Rd, which seriously needs an upgrade, particularly along the section of the road aligned to the Berkett farm.
- Some road improvement such as widening of the road was done **over three years** ago.
- Heavy vehicles used for construction and building developments would be DANGEROUS on this road.
- Become increasingly dangerous for use of the road for recreational users, such as bikers, walkers and horse riders.

I do not stand to gain commercial advantage from my submission.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I am seeking the following relief from UHCC supporting this subdivision proceeding.

I wish to speak to this proposal at an open council meeting.