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Submission: Berkett's Farm Precinct PC50

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

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed subdivision at Berkett's Farm Precinct, as outlined in the recent proposal submitted to the Upper Hutt City Council. While I appreciate the need for responsible urban development, several concerns have arisen from the vague wording of the proposal, potential strain on existing infrastructure, and adverse impacts on the safety, environment, and character of our community.

Firstly, the proposal lacks clarity and specificity regarding the exact location of the proposed houses within Berkett's Farm Precinct. This ambiguity raises concerns among the local residents who rightfully seek transparency in understanding how this development may impact their immediate surroundings. Clear delineation of the proposed housing areas would enable the community to make informed decisions and provide more accurate feedback.

Furthermore, the existing poor state of infrastructure and roading in the area presents a serious challenge. An increase in residential properties without concurrent improvements to infrastructure will likely exacerbate current issues, leading to safety concerns for both new and existing residents. I urge the Council to consider the capacity of the current infrastructure to accommodate the proposed subdivision and address any deficiencies before proceeding with such a development.

Preservation of our natural environment is paramount, and I am particularly concerned about the potential impact on native trees and the current dark sky in Berkett's Farm. As a responsible community, it is crucial that we take measures to protect these valuable assets. I request that the Council ensures a comprehensive environmental impact assessment is conducted before approving any further development, with a commitment to preserving and enhancing the local ecosystem.

Moreover, the proposal to introduce 105 new houses to the area will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the rural character of our community. The increase in population density may lead to a loss of the rural charm that makes Berkett's Farm unique. It is imperative that the Council considers the long-term effects of such a substantial development on the social fabric and lifestyle of the existing residents.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the Upper Hutt City Council carefully reconsiders the proposed subdivision at Berkett's Farm, taking into account the concerns raised regarding the vague wording of the proposal, existing poor infrastructure, potential environmental impact, and the overall impact on the rural community. I trust that the

Council will make decisions that prioritize the well-being and sustainable development of our community.

I am seeking the following relief

- Consult the local community
- Provide a clear and detailed map of the proposed development area
- Provide a comprehensive plan for roading and infrastructure
- Implement changes to the current plan in line with community consultation