

SUBMISSION 58

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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 seeking the following relief.

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. My concerns primarily stem from the vagueness of the proposal, the inadequacy of existing infrastructure, and the potential adverse impacts on the safety, environment, and character of our community.

The ambiguity present in the proposal, particularly regarding the precise location of the proposed houses within Berkett's Farm Precinct, is disconcerting. The lack of clarity hinders the community's ability to fully understand the implications of this development on their immediate surroundings. A more detailed presentation of the housing areas is imperative to facilitate informed feedback and promote constructive community engagement.

The current state of infrastructure and roading in the area exacerbates these concerns. The proposal, without concurrent improvements to infrastructure, raises serious safety issues for both new and existing residents. I urge the Council to conduct a thorough assessment of the capacity of the current infrastructure to accommodate the proposed subdivision and rectify any deficiencies before proceeding further.

Preservation of our natural environment is paramount, and I am deeply troubled by the potential impact on native trees and the current dark sky within Berkett's Farm Precinct. Additionally, the visibility of new houses on the skyline could detrimentally alter the visual outline of the valley. Such changes may not only compromise the aesthetic appeal of the area but also contribute to noise pollution. I implore the Council to conduct a comprehensive environmental impact assessment, considering the preservation of the local ecosystem, the visual integrity of the valley, and the potential noise disturbances caused by increased housing.

Furthermore, the proposal for 105 new houses raises concerns about the profound impact on the rural community. This substantial increase in population density may have far-reaching consequences, including significant water runoff that could result in severe environmental damage. The PC50 document, as it currently stands, is

notably vague and contradictory, providing insufficient detail for informed decision-making. I strongly recommend that the Council addresses these inconsistencies and provides a more comprehensive document to guide the decision-making process.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the Upper Hutt City Council to reevaluate the proposed subdivision at Berkett's Farm Precinct, taking into consideration the concerns raised about vague wording, inadequate infrastructure, potential environmental impact, and the overall well-being of the rural community. I trust that the Council will prioritize transparency and engage in meaningful dialogue with the community to address these critical issues.