

# SUBMISSION 179

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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**

TP-P1-6, TP-S9 TP-MC SUB-RUR P5, P6,P8 SUB-RUR -R2,3,4 SUB-RUR-S2,7 EW-11,13,14 IW-S18 EW-MC1 S1

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**My submission is that**

I have not been consulted on this proposal and have issues id like to have answered

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

Gareth John Weeds 123d Johnsons Road, Whitemans Valley 5371 gareth@execlaundry.co.nz Declaration: 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 have the following concerns in relation to the Berkett Precinct proposal, and require more information and clarity on the following matters: • Why was the community that's significantly impacted not consulted directly by means of each indivual household? I am aware it was advertised in the local Upper Hutt paper, (The Leader) but unfortunately this is not delivered to much of the local community. I would like to understand the process and procedures that UHCC to advise the residents that are going to be directly affected by the plan changes and the time frame this was undertaken. • Rooding and infrastructure. The road adjacent to current proposed access to the Berkett settlement is already struggling with the current traffic movements. The current condition of the road, width of lanes and volume of traffic already leads to too many accidents and near misses. What do you have planned for the upgrade of the roading, and who by and how will this be funded? • According to the plan50 change document on page 52, there are 103 houses proposed for the Berkett subdivision. If there are 2 cars per household, plus visitors and contractors/workmen this is already going to be over the 250 vehicle movements per day proposed on page 30. In addition, it appears from the proposal that there will be provision to build another dwelling on each section. This would bring in another 1-2 cars per household, which would far exceed the 250 vehicle movements proposed per day. Given the latter, I would like to see how UHCC arrived at the 250 vehicle movements per day. Community Safety • Safety of the community should always be the highest priority when proposing changes to an area. Given that this proposal will significantly increase the number of residents in the valley, will there be footpaths and cycleways put in place throughout to keep the residents and children safe? This is particularly important around school bus pick up areas. Emergency services •Has Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) been consulted and/or any other Emergency Services about access to the proposed settlement? Given the number of houses proposed in this document, there is very little information regarding whether the current infrastructure meets minimum Health and Safety requirements. Impact •I am concerned about how much native bush and wildlife will be disturbed and removed as part of the Berkett subdivision. UHCC should be familiar with the Berkett property as they led a prosecution in court regarding water disturbance due to 4wd activity. In this case, it was emphasised by council how significant the area was to native wildlife. Could you please explain how the proposed settlement does not impact this very environment UHCC was so interested in protection in 2018? Impact on Whiteman's valley • I strongly believe that such settlement with many small sections will take away from the semi-rural lifestyle and the natural beauty of Whiteman's valley, which is what many current residents moved to Whitemans valley for. I am not against development and understand the need for more housing in the wider area, but I believe that the current approach of changing the plan to suit a development rather than the development changing to suit the plan is the wrong approach to take for this community. As a general comment, the PC50 document is extremely hard to read and has multiple contradictions. Because of the volume of changes, the council should have provided a simple markup document or clean version to compare to, so that it is simpler for the community to understand the changes. In addition, it appears this document has been written after Berkett development had already been drafted, and the changes appear to only benefit the development rather than the wider community.

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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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