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This is a submission on the following proposed plan change to the Waipā District Plan

Private Plan Change 36 - Ōhaupō Large Lot Residential Extension

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission? I could not

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter that - (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition? I am not

Do you wish to be heard (attend and speak at the Council hearing) in support of your submission? I do not

If others make a similar submission, will you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing? Yes

Do you support the proposed change(s)? I support

The specific provisions of the plan change my submission relates to are (give details):

Large Lot Residential Extension, rezoning 21.50 hectares

My submission is

I am writing in support of the proposed subdivision in Ohaupō.

I have lived in Ohaupō for more than 30 years and have deep roots in the community. I grew up on a dairy farm just up the road, attended Ohaupō Primary School, and played rugby for the Ohaupō Rugby Club. Over the years, I have continued to live locally, and my own children have also played for the Ohaupō Rugby Club. Many of my family and close friends still live in Ohaupō today, and I'm a big supporter of the community and its growth.

Having seen the village evolve over the past three decades, I believe this subdivision is a fantastic opportunity for our community. A town's long-term success and survival depend on its people and its

ability to grow. In today's environment, thoughtful and well-planned development is essential to keeping communities vibrant and sustainable.

I believe the addition of approximately 43 quality lifestyle sections, resulting in well-built homes, will be a positive addition to Ohaupō. I do not see any negatives associated with this proposal. Instead, I see benefits through increased investment in the area, more families supporting local schools, sports clubs and businesses, and continued growth that will help secure Ohaupō's future.

From a professional perspective, I was involved in the sale of the previous subdivisions in Ohaupō. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that development has had on the village. The quality of housing has increased significantly, and the subdivision has become a valued part of the community.

I have noticed some negative comments on social media regarding this proposal. However, it is worth noting that many of those expressing opposition are themselves relatively new residents who moved into the previous subdivision. In my view, this does not reflect the opinions of many long-term locals who understand that responsible growth has played an important role in strengthening our community.

I am more than happy to discuss my views further if required.

Thank you for considering my submission.

I seek the following decision/s from Council

Acceptance

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