Outlook

Alternative to the Brynderwyn hills

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I am wring as a affected party of the new Brynderwyn hills route.

We are a family farming operation located on the south side of the brynderwyn hills running along a long side the currant [redacted]

We currently run 369 ha farm as a family unit, We are not opposed to the new bypass going over the farm as we do believe it needs done as we farm on the same slip prone land that the currant route is built on. But we do have some points that will affect are farming operation and the future of it.

1. We currently run the unit as a beef finishing unit with its size of land area and set up and is very profitable, if we lose the 182 HA of land to you the balance is now not big enough to support the family as a beef operation.
2. This is a family unit it was set up 20 years ago by my dad and my wife and me, we dairy farm it for 15 years until the passing of my dad, The plan was always to keep it farm in the family for generations (as per family trust deed of wishes) my oldest son has a great interest in farming as is in his last year of a diploma of aguculture.
3. We are currently talking with fonterra to restart the dairy operation in the next 18 months with the idea of my son doing what I did with my dad for all the years we had and he is more interested in dairy that beef.
4. So this is were the problem starts, the commutation to us is nothing short of terrible, we are planning for the future but have some large investments to make with very little details of timeframe of losing 182 ha of land.
5. We also will lose the family home which we have brought up the family in as well as the second home that was dads until passing,
6. And to finish we will lose are very clear and high-quality water supply that also feeds to 2 of my neighbour farms that are also affected with the road.

Thank you
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