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Your submission

Proposed funding cuts to Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Given the current decline of biodiversity trends in Canterbury it is difficult for me to accept that ECan would consider reducing funding in the manner proposed in the draft LTP.

Canterbury Biodiversity Fund reductions:

The need for funding is significant and to cut this budget by 50% is, in my view, very short sighted. This fund provides support for the needed actions of your Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy. e.g. There are many large covenanted projects that meet criteria and require significant money. These could become unable to be funded with the \$200000 per annum cuts. The administrative component still requires funding leaving less available for projects. The funding support need is increasing, not decreasing.

Regional Flagships Initiative:

Elsewhere in the dLTP the importance of the CWMS is recognized yet it is proposed that these allied and important projects are to have their funding reduced by \$90000 per annum. To me this seems inconsistent and should be reconsidered for reinstatement.

Biosecurity threats to Biodiversity:

Again a programme for which even more funding is needed, not less. These on the ground operations are essential for controlling invasive species.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

Reconsider your proposal and reinstate funding for these items per previously proposed budgets