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Attached is my submission on the Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan.

Regards

Colleen Philip

## Submission on Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan 2015.

**From:** Colleen Philip

My contact details are NOT to be made public.

I do wish to speak to my submission. What I want ECan to do is in italics in context.

### **Submission:**

I am shocked that Environment Canterbury is planning what seem to be large cuts to parts of the biodiversity funding. I had expected due to the known and increasing number of threats to our indigenous biodiversity in Canterbury that this area of work would have increased *funds, not reduced.*

I am very worried about what appears to be an alarming number of weed species becoming seriously problematic. These include boneseed, barberry, hawthorn, Russell lupins on river beds and more. *I would like the funding and other resources required to tackle this problem head –on. I would also like all of us, including Environment Canterbury, not to give up even when species can be called ‘established’.* They are endangering our indigenous biodiversity and must be contained, and eliminated wherever possible. *However, generally I do support the idea of prevention wherever possible and this involves being alert to early signs of a plant becoming a problem and acting forthwith.*

Another threat in braided rivers which does not seem to feature in the LTP is the accessing and damaging of riverbeds and the ecosystems reliant on them by motorised vehicles like motorbikes and 4WDs.

I saw an item on the TV news very recently with a 4WD -club president (from the North Island) who sported a sticker on his vehicle (which we were told he used to go onto a sensitive dune ecosystem) featuring a 4WD graphic labelled ‘endangered species’. To me this mocks wider community concern about genuinely endangered species like braided river bird species; and also is mocking of the idea that the clubs are informed and ‘responsible’, and that it is random drivers, who do not belong to clubs, doing the harm. It also undermines the notion that education is the answer, given that a lot of effort goes into education through the clubs. *I strongly believe that this activity (motorised vehicle owners recreating on river beds and other ecologically sensitive sites) must be regulated.*

I have been told that this access to river beds would not be tolerated overseas. Why do we trash our rivers, lake edges, and other ecologically sensitive areas in this way? *ECan must join with other agencies like DOC and LINZ and local Councils to deal strategically and effectively with this problem.*

*The wider community should be more informed. I believe Environment Canterbury must lead with this work.* Once people become more aware of what is happening, and of the effects on our indigenous wildlife, community disgust would turn the tide on this selfishness.