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Your submission Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission on the Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan.

My submission relates to:

1. Better Water Management
2. Natural habitats
3. Transport
4. Cleaner Air
5. Keeping us safe
6. Setting the rules
7. Regional Leadership

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

I would like to see Environment Canterbury take an integrated approach to managing Canterbury's natural resources. I believe that raising greater awareness of the importance of preserving natural resources such as water, air and biodiversity as part of one system, is imperative if a healthy, liveable province is what is desired for future generations. Water, air and biodiversity are intrinsically linked and cannot be managed effectively in isolation.

I would like to see Environment Canterbury take a better leadership role in monitoring water quality of lakes and rivers, air quality, both urban and rural, and biodiversity gains and losses; and to publish results in a forum which is easy to find, as well as regularly reported on in the media, highlighting what behavioural changes are required in order to meet environmental improvement targets. Media coverage of environmental performance helps to change a culture of exploitation and ignorance of the effects of adverse activities, as well as promote the benefits of environmentally sound practices. Awareness is a powerful tool.

As you are probably well aware, New Zealand has a phenomenal international reputation for its clean image but also appears to have little data to back up its claims. Claims, which are often contradicted when visitors observe some of the un-environmentally friendly practices such as livestock in rivers and lakes, crop stubble burns off, agricultural odours, practices which were outlawed decades ago in other Western countries, as well as the reliance on fossil fuels, high use of private cars and lack of public transport especially across the region and inter-region.

An integrated approach to managing the Environment, provides opportunity for health and well being of people and the environment in the long term. I would like to see Environment Canterbury take a tougher line on people and businesses who do not comply with environmental standards (p20) and follow up after complaints have been laid by concerned citizens.

On transport, (p14) I encourage Environment Canterbury to explore options for public transport outside greater Christchurch, especially an investigation into opportunities for public rail into and out of the city. To further utilise the existing line, a commuter train between Darfield (and even Springfield?), Rolleston and Christchurch would surely alleviate congestion on the roads, as would a commuter train between Rangiora and Christchurch. Post earthquake west, north and south of the city have experienced huge growth and investment in public transportation now, will surely be a good investment on many levels for the future. Rail or bus should be bike friendly with the option of taking a bike on the system to allow for mutli- modal connectivity once in the city.

Finally, I would urge the re-introduction of democracy in Christchurch post Environment Canterbury Act 2016 and a fully elected council who is accountable to the public of Canterbury. I will be making a submission to MfE on the Environment Canterbury Review.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit.

Nicky Snoyink