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Your submission

I strongly oppose proposed cuts to biodiversity funding. I believe that this is a time of increased and increasing threats to our indigenous biodiversity. To be cutting funding in this critical area at this point in Canterbury's (land use) history could be termed 'negligent'. Please reverse this and either maintain or increase funding in this area.

It is more important I believe to protect remaining indigenous ecosystems than to help farmers plant riparian strips that may or may not work. Use the money smarter certainly but do not reduce the amount.

I also would like the weed species which are becoming more and more of a biodiversity threat tackled with vigour.

It is also negligent, I believe, to allow the continued degradation to river beds by allowing motorised vehicles virtually unfettered access to them. This is enormously destructive and threatens to push some of our threatened indigenous species over the brink. If access restriction was chosen as a way forward I would support this approach. I do not see education as the answer as it seems, with a number of people who pursue this type of recreation, to harden attitudes rather than make them more concerned about the wildlife they threaten with their activity. I think only regulation will work.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?	Reverse idea of biodiversity funding cuts. Maintain or increase. Restrict access or plan to manage seriously i.e. say No! Stop! Regulate!! motorised vehicles that currently access braided river beds, and other zones of high ecological value e.g. Kaitorete Spit. Keep your eye seriously 'on the ball' vis a vis weed
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species we are currently seeing become more of a problem in Canterbury.