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#### Your submission

##### Transport:

Improving bus services can only be good but there is no point in trying to encourage more bus useage if you cannot get to your destination quicker on a bus than in a private motor vehicle. The bus can take longer and that will just discourage people. I believe alternative means such as passenger rail must be introduced for outlying areas such as Woodend/Rangiora and Rolleston.

I personally would like to have a bus service to use from Yaldhurst. We are not that far from the city, yet there is no bus available to us!!

Cycle ways are also critical to develop in the greater area, so that more people are encouraged to use this form of transport. Many people would use a bike if they felt safer.

##### Pollution:

The focus should be more on how people can effectively heat their homes, using a reliable means, rather than on any resultant pollution. All very well to minimise fires, but electricity is not reliable and is too expensive. Air pollution is certainly an issue, but keeping warm is critical. There should also be a strong focus on penalising industries who produce emissions and pollution; they should not get away with this and penalties need to be severe enough to prevent it happening. No point in having a fine that can easily be managed by company resources. I don't know a lot about rural burn offs but I would say that these are minor issues related to other areas.

##### RMA:

Compliance with resoure consent conditions needs to be cracked down on. Currently this is a joke, and companies can get away with doing virtually whatever they want. "Policing" comes from the public (eg neighbours) and continually having to report the same issues is not acceptable, nor is the minimal consequence – if any – for the company. There needs to be strict monitoring of conditions, severe penalties and closure of the company if they continue to flout their conditions. Why should others suffer because they choose to ignore what has been

put in place.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

In the development of recreational activities, I would like to see some resource going into facilities for horse riding. This is a large and increasing recreation, and should have some share of the recreation dollar. The Waimakariri regional park should include a horse area on the south side of the river, for the rate payers on that side. Consultation needs to be undertaken with a variety of horse riders, so that what is developed is useful and therefore used. River areas on the south side have been designated for motor bikes, but very little for horses (unfortunately a perfect horse area has been allocated for motorbikes). Horse areas need to be of significant size that it is worth going there for (eg 10 km is not sufficient); they don't necessarily need to have special tracks, just an allocated area. Horse riding can also fit in with other activities, eg running, cycling, walking (Bottle Lake!).

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