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Date	Friday 10 April 2015
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Your submission	
<p>On behalf of the Little River Wairewa Flood Working Party, consisting of interested members of the Little River and Birdlings Flat communities within the Wairewa Catchment, we wish to see active flood management in the catchment facilitated by means of a River Rating Scheme.</p> <p>Little River is struggling as a township with the effects of recurrent high rainfall events, which are affecting the viability of key town and community assets, as well as individual landowner assets.</p> <p>The river systems within the Wairewa Catchment have been poorly maintained over the last couple of decades and the "individual landowner responsibility" model is failing the community</p>	

as a whole, with limited agency input into river and stream maintenance.

The Working Party was established after extensive and repeated flooding in 2014 and has been working with ECan, CCC, DOC and others to co-ordinate an improved approach to flood management in the Wairewa Catchment.

As a consequence of our work as a group, and considerable help from ECan, we have identified works required over a 5 year period, totaling \$132,000 (incorporating capital works, maintenance works and further investigations into flood management measures).

In order to fund those works we have identified a river rating district proposal acceptable to the community, which we wish to see implemented within this planning cycle. The proposal has been communicated in a basic form, tested at a community meeting where there was 85% support (~60 in attendance and 47 informal ballots), and will be subject to a formal postal vote prior to the Long Term Plan hearing to provide an evidence base for community support for the proposal.

The 75% of funding required to be retrieved through a targeted rate will either be via:

- 1) Over a five year period, a flat fee per rating unit of \$86 per annum in the Little River upper catchment area and \$43 per annum in the Birdlings Flat lower catchment area; OR
- 2) Over a seven year period, a flat fee per rating unit of \$86 per annum in the Little River upper catchment area

The outcome of our formal postal vote will determine which of those two options proceeds, and a minimum 60% support will be required in each catchment division (upper and lower) for that catchment area to be included in the rating scheme. Only a less than 60% support result in the Little River upper catchment area would prevent establishment of the scheme, at which point, this submission will be withdrawn from the process.

Given our community driven efforts, and initial community feedback, we are confident that the proposal has sufficient support to proceed, and we will be happy to supply evidence to this effect, along with greater detail of the proposal, during the LTP hearing process.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

- * Include within the Long Term Plan provision for a Wairewa Catchment River Rating Scheme, with the following features:
 - a "whole of catchment" scheme, from ridgeline to the coast (ki uta ki tai)
 - 20% funded from the works and service rate
 - 5% funded from the ECan general rate
 - 75% funded from a targeted rate within the Wairewa Catchment