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Christine

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From: Butcher Scott
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Your submission

On page 6 it states that "We propose to spend \$4.8 million next year (and an average of \$5.9 million a year subsequently) on implementing key biodiversity programmes to restore and maintain the region's most important natural habitats". From roughly about 2000 to the current day, I have observed a large number of indigenous vegetation remnants and remaining patches of wildlife habitat on the Canterbury plains disappear due to the expansion of dairy farming. Allocating millions of dollars to restore and maintain the regions most important remaining habitats will only be effective if it supported with adequate enforcement that hopefully deters further damage. If damage has been caused, then Ecan needs to be far more proactive in pursuing farmers or landowners that have caused that damage.

Ecan needs to develop a method of measuring the value of ecosystem services, so that if farmers contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions or damage indigenous habitats, then the compensation that they pay to mitigate or offset that damage is commensurate to the damage they have contributed too.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?	Work harder to stop unsustainable land use, in particular the impacts of dairy farming on both indigenous habitats and greenhouse gas emissions, without being afraid of the rural lobby. Ensure that if farmers destroy habitat or significantly contribute to climate change then they are
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required to either pay to offset emissions, reinstatement damaged habitat or face significant penalties that are commensurate with the degradation that they have caused to eco-system services and overall remaining natural capital of the Canterbury plains.