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## Environment Canterbury: Long-Term Plan 2015 - 2025

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### **Better water management**

I submit that this is the most important aspect of the long-term plan.

#### *Rural initiatives*

I support these initiatives but consider they are not strong enough. While encouragement is a better approach than outright regulation, the issue of declining water quality and the fact that the limits agreed on are already a compromise that is less than the ideal, means that Environment Canterbury must do more than encourage. It must *insist* that farmers restrict nutrient discharges onto land and into waterways to the limits agreed on.

With regard to compliance plans, yes, these are necessary but the statement that they must be produced 'within the next few years' is vague and undermines confidence that the plans will be produced. Specific dates for the production of compliance plans must be part of the overall strategy.

Moreover, change of land use by farmers should also require that compliance plans be updated.

#### *Urban initiatives*

I support the proposal to spend more money on improving water quality over the next ten years.

#### *Sharing costs with the community*

Targeted stream augmentation as part of the delivery of the CWMS should be funded by targeted rates. Farming must pay the true costs of such and nowhere is this more applicable than in the case of dairy farming. When external costs are not built into the investment required we get false economies. Certain types of farming (such as dairying) appear to be economic when, if the full cost to the community is factored in, they may not be.

### **Natural habitats**

I support ensuring the most important remaining natural habitats are protected. But I also consider that a holistic strategy requires that waterway corridors and habitats that form 'stepping stones' for wildlife must also be restored.

### **Transport**

I support the strategies proposed. Of significant importance is meeting the needs of changing demographics, with more people living in satellite towns to Greater Christchurch.