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Your submission

The Long-Term Plan is a continuation of the compulsory monopoly we are forced to endure with regards to "environmental" matters. Ecan obtains revenue through coercion and then offers "consultation" with regards to how to spend the funds – similar to a bandit returning to your house after they have "paid" themselves to ask for ideas about how the remaining loot should be spent. Legislation does not alter the fact that Ecan are involved in thievery and those involved in the racket are as unethical as any common criminal.

The "solutions" offered by Ecan are clumsy and reflect nothing more than the wishes of special interest groups. Essentially the process is one of private property transfers through coercive political means rather than voluntary ones. Most of the public do not provide any feedback to Ecan because they need to focus their energies on providing for themselves and their families. They do not have the luxury of full time bureaucrats, who obtain their incomes through compulsory extraction, promoting their interests.

Ecan would clearly not survive in a free market and inevitably overstates purported benefits of its operations and underestimates the costs – the costs of its interventions are sadly much greater than the monetary extractions from the citizens. Unfortunately Ecan operates in a rarefied protected domain where it doesn't have to concern itself with such matters and will no doubt continue on its blithe way for some time yet.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do? Nothing. Disbanding promptly would be even better.