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Your submission

Regional leadership.

The consultation document says:

'We need to provide a credible and strong voice for the region, speaking as one, yet understanding and respecting our different priorities.'

Great words, but the issue here is one of credibility and because Ecan doesn't have elected representatives, it cannot be considered credible. City and District Councillors are elected. Ecan's commissioners are not. It has nothing to do with competency. It has everything to do with democracy.

It is a sad situation and it wont be resolved by any proposal from Wellington that the next Council comprise a mix of appointed and elected representatives.

I am sure staff work as well as any other agency/authority with local organisations and communities. But they take their lead from the policy decision makers, in this case, the commissioners – selected, not elected.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

Be bold and brave and inform Minister Smith and the National Government which promised not to become arrogant, (John Key's words post-election) that Canterbury is of age and can vote.