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Hello Team

This email came in through our Customer Services email. Can you please workflow?

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Customer Services

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Your submission

- 1.) The current management of ecan is undemocratic and biased toward the rural/ economic interests.
- 2.) Ecan's current discharge limits on Nitrate and Phosphates are too high and will perpetuate the steady decline in water quality that is already occurring in the region. Ecan appears to be supportive of continued conversion of dryland farming to unsustainable and polluting dairy practices.
- 3.) ECan over the last couple of years has been too heavy handed in its handling of compliance around wood burner emissions. Public education, and little notes in letter boxes are patronising, pointless, and bordering on harassment. Most people know how to keep a fire burning cleanly. The real issue here is that up until very recently there were no ultra-low emission alternatives. Also, ECan have chosen to focus on a form of emission that research suggests is nowhere near as harmful as those from automobile or industrial sources. This is an unfair and unproductive, and really only succeeded in generating ill-will towards the organisation.
- 4.) Ease of travel on buses has worsened since the last lot of changes. It seems to take longer now, or more changeovers are necessary, for many journeys across town.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

1) Return to the original system of democratic and representative management and governance which reflects the needs and wishes of all Cantabrians, rather than a minority gerrymander of rural business interest groups.

2.) Reduce upper limits on Nitrate and phosphate discharges from farms to a level that is environmentally sustainable, rather than sub-lethal as it currently stands, and enforce rather than encourage change. Actively discourage conversion to dairy in drought prone areas, or where there is a high need for irrigation, or where water quality is likely to decline as a result. Actively encourage more sustainable forms of dryland farming through use of drought-resistant forms of pasture.

3.) Drop the advertising and harassment campaigns around woodburners and shift funds to fully funding, or at the very least subsidising, the replacement of existing units with low-emission burners, all of which should be able to be fitted with a wetback.

4.) Take another look at the recent change to bus routes and connections. Utilise public feedback over recent changes that haven't worked well and make corrections where appropriate.

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