

## **Environment Canterbury's Areas of Responsibility:**

### **Water Quality, Quantity and Ecosystems**

We are responsible for managing the region's fresh water resource, including the flows and levels in any body of water; the control of taking, use, damming and diversion of water; the allocation of water and the controlling of discharges.

### **Air**

We are responsible for managing the region's air quality, including controlling the discharge of contaminants into air.

### **Land**

We are responsible for controlling the use of land for soil conservation; controlling land use to maintain or enhance the quantity and quality of groundwater, surface water, and coastal waters; and for the maintenance and enhancement of aquatic ecosystems.

### **Public Passenger Transport**

We are the lead agency for the provision of public passenger transport services and registering commercial public transport services. We are also an advocating and influencing agency for the provision of public transport infrastructure by territorial authorities and the New Zealand Transport Agency.

### **Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites**

We are responsible for managing the discharge of contaminants to the environment and the investigation of land to identify and monitor contaminated land.

### **Biodiversity and Biosecurity**

We work closely with the community and other partners as a lead agency for the maintenance of the region's indigenous biodiversity and the management and control of pests.

### **Consents and Compliance**

We are responsible for the processing, monitoring and compliance of activities for resource use.

### **Coasts**

We are responsible for managing the region's coastal environment, including discharges into the coastal marine area, and coastal hazards investigations.

### **Hazards**

We are the lead agency for gathering, investigating and providing information on natural hazards and undertaking works to mitigate against their occurrence. We are a joint lead agency with territorial authorities for hazard mitigation and on-ground response after a natural hazard.

### **Flood Protection and Control Works**

We are the joint lead agency with territorial authorities for flood risk reduction.

### **Regional Land Transport**

We are a joint lead agency with territorial authorities and the New Zealand Transport Agency to identify, prioritise and address the region's land transport needs, activities and initiatives.

### **Emergency Management**

We are a joint lead agency for the region's reduction of, preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies.

### **Navigation Safety**

We are the regional agency for regulation of navigation in harbours and inland waters.

### **Regional Leadership**

We are the lead agency for effective regional government and for over-arching regional strategy and planning.

### **Funding:**

We have over a million dollars available annually for protection and restoration of biodiversity on private and public land.

Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Zone Committees have identified priorities and process for funding fresh water related biodiversity projects in their zone called The Immediate Steps Programme. Funds are allocated by the Zone Committee and the process varies depending on zone.

We also support regional biodiversity initiatives through the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy. This is a non-contestable fund that is based on regional priorities such as braided rivers, native fish, etc. or sensitive environments such as Te Waihora and Wainono Lagoon.

We sponsor some community events. The event must build on our stakeholder engagement/community relationships and align with one or more of our strategic priorities (e.g. CWMS, Tuia, Earthquake Recovery, etc.) to be considered for funding. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. As a rule, we do not make donations to charities or individuals and do not fund political organisations or initiatives.

### **Information and Contacts:**

More information available at: <https://ecan.govt.nz> (search on biodiversity funding)

Contact Customer Service at [customer.service@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:customer.service@ecan.govt.nz) P: 03-365-3828

- Immediate Steps- ask for **the Biodiversity Officer** for your geographical area.
- General funding and support inquiries- ask for **Ali Bower- Community Partnerships Coordinator**