

To: The Councillors and Staff of Environment Canterbury

Water is the life blood of our planet.

Without clean and abundant water, humanity and all life will sicken and die.

We have a sacred duty to protect our water, our aquifers and our rivers for our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

Under ECAN's watch we have seen the quality and abundance of our water lost. Our once pristine aquifers are now becoming depleted and contaminated. Our rivers are becoming lifeless and polluted to the extent they no longer support life and can no longer be enjoyed by the people of Canterbury.

We demand that the protection of Canterbury water for human consumption, for recreation, and for the life and health of the species that inhabit our waterways be given priority ahead of any commercial interests.

We demand that you, who should be the guardians of our precious water resources, take action now to restore the mauri of our waters, to restore life and abundance to our rivers and aquifers.

We demand that you stop making excuses and start doing your job. Before it's too late.

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