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Your submission on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan

ECan does not invest sufficiently in invasive weed control on the river corridors of South Canterbury, which are reservoirs of weed species spreading beyond the rivers, such as sycamore, old man's beard and buddleia. I have photos to illustrate this, taken on the Lower Opihi, Waihi and the TeMoana.

Some rivers (e.g. TeMoana) do not appear to have local rating districts, which must contribute to the lack of public resources?

The Canterbury braided rivers are also becoming clogged by shrubby willow growth (which may be from seed?), lupins, broom and gorse – after several dry summers have meant no or little flood scouring. Once the islands in these rivers are stabilised by weed growth and associated silt trapping, they become harder to erode and the braided character of the rivers tends to be lost. With this comes loss of bare shingle nesting habitat for endangered birds such as black billed gulls and black fronted terns, also wrybills, stilts and banded dotterells. There must be opportunity to connect river engineering works with ECan's biodiversity commitments and intervene more effectively?

The pest species list must include sycamore and cotoneaster, might usefully include ash and alder in wetlands.

It is very important to control wallabies' spread into Canterbury. They should if possible be eliminated north of the Waitaki as they represent a significant threat to the few remnants of native bush that survive on our lowlands. I manage a 3HA one of these QEII bush covenants at Geraldine and can only afford to trap/kill possums and fence it against wandering sheep and goats, not jumping wallabies or deer.