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Hi

Please find attached a brief submission on the proposed Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan.

I would like to speak to the submission if a time convenient to both of us can be found.

Thank you.

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1.3 Geographic coverage. The maps do not explicitly show that ECan boundaries extend 12 miles out to sea, and that maritime biosecurity does in fact fall within the ECan jurisdiction.

As a resident of Te Tai o Marokura, the biosecurity of this part of Canterbury is of great significance. It is significant in recreational, economic, conservation and cultural terms.

The economic significance to this particular region is particularly high, because of our high reliance on marine ecotourism, with whales, dolphins, seals and seabirds as the major draw cards, and it is also a significant recreational area for many throughout Canterbury, with more than half the 400+ family memberships of the Kaikoura Boating Club having home addresses south of the Conway river, as well as hosting significant commercial fisheries, and embodying many sets of other values.

Coastal Marine Environment

Rather than delving deeply into specifics at this late stage, I would like to see ECan engage with organisations like Te korowai o te tai o Marokura and the Kaikoura Marine Guardians to develop approaches to marine biosecurity that are as effective as possible within the constraints present.

Flagging such an intention in this strategy may be all that is required at this stage.

And I am very conscious of the additional stress that the earthquake has placed on many people and organisations who were already stretched thinly.

That engagement may result in outcomes like:

A Pathway Management Plan for marine areas.

Requests to shipping operators to dump any ballast water they may need to beyond the continental margin when safety issues make that a reasonable possibility.

Anchor vessels that might be carrying organisms offshore and away from reef areas where possible.

Have reasonable procedures to keep hulls free of invasive species, particularly for vessels coming from areas of known infestation of unwanted organisms (locally or internationally).

The complexity of the issues we face is significant, and new technology will allow us to develop ever more effective strategies over time.

Braided Rivers

The other major area of concern is with braided river beds, particularly with Russell Lupins, but with large numbers of other invasive plants that can significantly affect reproductive success of many of our braided river birds and other species (insects, fish and reptiles in particular).

Putting some attention to these issues, and developing effective strategies over time via engagement with all stakeholder (perhaps using the Zone Committee structure), would seem to be an effective way forward. And the development of such things typically takes about a decade, by the time people build the trust and understanding necessary to identify shared values and for successful collaboration on developing strategies to achieve shared goals.

Council controlled areas

I also note that I have heard significant criticism directed towards both ECan and KDC where areas controlled by them are seriously infected and are the major local seed source for reinfection, by people who have received notices to remove weeds from their property.

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