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To The Environment Canterbury Councillors who developed
the draft Long Term Plan.

Steve Lowndes - chair.

Dear Sir and Madams,

I am an avid reader, Your L.T.P. was the most
difficult read I have read by a long way.
Why did you have to use so much jargon and
politically speak policy words?

Many times I had to read sentences many times
to get some idea of what you meant. This often entailed
the complete rearrangement of the sentence and elimination
of the plethora of adjectives to get to the meaning.

I thought I was going to read about a plan.
But I read about "strategic directions", "programmes",
"proposals", "connections between projects", "reviews of",
and "our results".

Pasted on the next page are two successful
Long Term Plan proposals which I can understand

and commend.

In the first three years of the LTP we will complete the ten-year \$40 million Waimakariri Flood Protection programme, with secondary stopbanks being engineered to protect against a 1,000-year flood.



Congratulations. This is one clear plan I can understand.

To help with this our (draft) Revenue and Financing Policy proposes a provision for home heating/insulation loans that can be paid back over nine years through your rates bill. This initiative will be fully cost-recoverable from the borrower so will not impact other ratepayers.

By numbers: it is proposed that the initiative allows for up to \$3 million per year to be lent to ratepayers (maximum \$6,000 each) to pay for home heating and insulation. The loan can be repaid with your rates bill over a maximum of nine years. Up to a total of \$20 million could be borrowed by Environment Canterbury and lent to ratepayers under this programme. Details for potential borrowers are available on our website www.ecan.govt.nz.

I certainly go along with this article on working with landowners but surely it could have ^{been} written in a more straight forward and easily read way,

eg. many landowners are involved in preserving the biodiversity of their properties. We make grants through our Immediate Steps funding ~~to make grants~~ to assist owners to put in place their plans to protect and enhance the biodiversity of their land.

Working with landowners

Landowner commitment and action is an essential component of successful biodiversity programmes.

There are many landowners in Canterbury who already undertake habitat restoration and rehabilitation work. We are looking to work with willing landowners to achieve the step-change for the region. The Immediate Steps funding makes grants available through the ten zone committees and the Regional Committee, for local projects where the project owner, typically a landowner, also contributes to the project costs. In this Long-Term Plan, it is proposed that Immediate Steps funding will continue, with a greater emphasis on connections between projects.

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Also, what is "periphyton" monitoring. The word is not in my Oxford dictionary.

Thank you for taking note of my frustrations.

Yours sincerely,

Fay Coxon.

P.S. Please do not reply with a politically correct sentence of gobble-de-gook. FC.

PPS.

On reflection I think that the writer often chose the wrong subject for the sentence written and therefore had to convolute the language to get around this. FC.

Also, it seems that the document is written in such a way that nobody can be held responsible for what is proposed.
FC.