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### Whole Plan Comments

#### Please provide any comments.

The plan seems to be a step in the right direction, but like many good ideas remains great while it remains on paper.

What I care about is having a healthy environment for myself, my children and grandchildren. An exercise in bureaucracy, of fancy words, pretty pictures.... means nothing if our rivers are too dirty to swim in. If overseas business interests suck our water resources for profit. If farming practises remain unchecked in the absence of science based regulation.

It beggars belief that despite all the rhetoric, of 'stakeholder engagement', of 'biodiversication', of 'regional leadership portfolio', we don't really have a strong body that will stick for for what is right, to uphold our natural resources for generations to come. We start to see that in Lan Pham, but in few other candidates or staff who hold such passion. We have been poorly served by the lack of representation denied by central government for too long.

There seems to be a lot of awareness of environmental issues, and good intent, in the plan. But sadly in recent years I haven't see a lot of action to think a great deal will change on practise. I want a strong ECAN, that has backbone. An organisation that fights for what is right for the protection of our resources. I don't want to live in city or region, where bottled water or expensive treatment plants become normal,

just because this generation did not value its resources. Or more correctly, take action to properly protect it.

Here, I speak mostly of water rights, allocations and consents. It beggars belief that the key gatekeeper of the wanton expansion of dairy farming in Canterbury over the last 20yrs, is the ability of banks to finance such efforts. It would not appear that science has been used to determine a model for just how the Canterbury Plains should be loaded. It appears no-one really knows just what the water resource is that we have, or how long it will can be sustained with current or future demands. Subsequently, it has been a free for all, driven by economics. NOT environmental concern.

Now when we start having problems, it is the people who have to pay - for water treatment plants, for environmental monitoring, for aquifer regeneration schemes etc etc. I want an ECAN who will DEAL with these issues. Not talk about them, not pussy foot about, not be swayed by commercial interest in the face of common sense.

So the plan is good. It now needs action.

Thank you.