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Please find attached my submission to the LTP. Kind regards Pam Richardson

SUBMISSION TO THE PROPOSED DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2018 - 2028

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I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Step Change

Yes it is pleasing to see the council confirming step - change. There are many examples in our Banks Peninsula community where Ecan is working with us and we are seeing new ways of doing things. One of the most important issues is how we all work together e.g. the Water Zone Committees. The importance of cooperation and collaboration is vital in achieving successful outcomes. These committees have provided the platform to respect all parties and understand the issues. Banks Peninsula landowners have always been leaders in working together 'pooling funding' to achieve good outcomes for the whole community.

Working with landowners

I am pleased to see that Environment Canterbury will continue to invest in capability building and coordinating a network of community groups. The relationship with territorial authorities needs to be strengthened and we need to see joined up approaches.

It is good to see the networking opportunities for community groups to come together and share. It is vital that we all work together to ensure that we achieve effective efficient outcomes that are sustainable.

The profile of the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy 'needs to be raised'. Despite it being completed a number of years ago it is a joint document that we have for Canterbury. A range of parties were involved in preparing e.g. NZTA, Territorial Authorities Federated Farmers BPCT Dairy NZ and a wide range of conservation groups from throughout the Ecan area .

Biosecurity changes

With reference to the Pest Liaison Committee I would like to support the implementation of a Banks Peninsula Pest Liaison Committee covering the whole area known as the Banks Peninsula Ecological District. This area includes the volcanic landform it is a discrete.

The BP pest committee will need to have a mix of representatives including landowners and should involve agencies and organisations. The committee should be involved in a wider range of activities not just providing advice for the setting of targeted rates for pest control. Some further work will be required around the Terms of Reference and this may provide an opportunity to raise the profile of biodiversity.

I am very supportive of the work programme identified in the consultation document - working towards a Pest Free Banks Peninsula and providing wider funding via rates. It is vital that the present community initiated programme continues to be funded with 'control across the Peninsula' until the wider pest free Banks Peninsula proposal is in place. We cannot afford to allow any programmes to fall away. We have been able to manage the possums at lower levels across the whole of the Peninsula following a \$2m programme to eradicate Tb in possums. We also have rabbit numbers to manageable levels.

Our landowners acknowledge the benefits to biodiversity and have continued to support the CIP and the other programmes we have. Whatever we manage 'we have to manage forever' and be affordable.

I look forward to being involved in the new proposals identified in the consultation document regarding the Pest Liaison Committees and pest free Banks Peninsula

Hazards, Risks and Resilience

Coastal erosion is becoming a major issue for our Pigeon Bay Community. In recent months Orion has placed 'risers' as further protection for the power poles in the coastal edge. We would like to put a rock seawall back along the edge to slow down the process. Our community have the ability to do some of the work and provide the rock. We have not progressed this far at this stage but we are aware that the CCC is struggling to do all the sea wall work required on the seawalls already protecting roads etc. It is a grey area as to who is responsible what is involved who will provide advice and fund. We need to see that there are avenues for our communities to resolve this easily without enormous resource consent requirements etc.

We also need to see some funding provided for advice and work for river stream management across Banks Peninsula. I am aware of landowner responsibility and that the Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee is preparing a brochure for landowners. With the increasing number of changes of land use, landowners are not aware of their responsibilities and we need to find ways of working closer. Can I thank Ecan for the Little River initiative and having a land manager available in Little River – a very positive outcome.

I am looking for funding and advice being made available for river management on Banks Peninsula and that perhaps we work towards river rating districts on Banks Peninsula.

I wish to see some funding allocated for advice and education for communities to resolve coastal erosion issues that are effective and affordable.