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I do not wish to attend a hearing

I debated the usefulness of even making a submission - but felt I needed to at least make a few points about my concerns

Your LTP document mentions "sustainable economic development" - but continuing to support irrigation schemes sucking too much water out of often already stressed waterways to support dairy farming in areas not idea for intensive cow farming hardly seems sustainable??

I'd like to see ECAN really looking for new ideas in truly sustainable developments. Make some hard calls about some areas really not suited to intensive dairy farming. I watched many tourists around the Little River Rail Trail a couple of months ago and was embarrassed by the state of the waterways around that area. Perhaps it is time to look at some other ideas? And the Mackenzie Basin is just looking weird with all those irrigation circles. Can we really not come up with any other ideas??

My other main area of concern is around transport. I agree we need to support freight transport in and out of the region - but I do feel it is a shame we're so reliant on trucks. I'm aware the Kaikoura quakes have not helped the train transport woes - but I would like ECAN to consider more options for trains for freight and public transport.

As someone who bikes to work regularly now that I work in the inner city - I love the Council's new cycleways. I feel much safer already and have had less issues with Christchurch's aggressive drivers who seem to feel they own our roads. In terms of more cycle-friendly infrastructure I would like to suggest parking hubs with secure cycle parking where people could walk, drive or cycle to public transport options.

I realise it's difficult balancing everyone's wants and needs but less decimation of waterways and more cycling, walking and public transport will be winners for THE MAJORITY of Canterbury.

Thank you

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