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Please find attached submission to ECAN LTP

Regards

Ken Rouse

Cashmere Stream Care Group

The Long-Term Plan 2018-28 outlines the framework for the types of activities we will undertake from July 2018. It also details the measures that we have put against these activities, and the corresponding financial information, policies and strategies.

### **Feedback closes at 5pm on Monday 26 March, 2018.**

You may send your feedback:**By mail (no stamp required):** Freepost 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, CHRISTCHURCH 8140.**Online:** Use the online form provided on our website [www.ecan.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/haveyoursay). Please follow the online instructions provided.**By email: [mailroom@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:mailroom@ecan.govt.nz).** Ensure your full name and address is included.

## **Use this form to tell us what you think**

*By providing feedback you agree that Environment Canterbury may use, and may publish, that feedback, including your name and the contact details you provide.*

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**(If you wish to meet with Councillors to discuss your submission please also complete Q12.)**

**The work of Environment Canterbury** is reported on under six portfolios as outlined in the draft Long-Term Plan document. Our website outlines many of the areas we work in, in more detail. On this form you are asked for feedback on the activity planned under each portfolio as well as on the entire plan and specifically on the Public Transport options. In the comments section under each portfolio, please tell us what you support/don't support about the planned activity, and if there is anything you would like to see more or less of.

Please view our short Consultation Document and full Long-Term Plan supplementary document on [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz).

### **1. Whole Plan**

#### [Support](#)

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan. I generally disagree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

**Comments:** [The plans purpose as written still allows focus on intensification not sustainable development or making step change in looking after the environment and biodiversity. Business as usual is not working, the purpose should reflect a change not business as usual.](#)

## 2. Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the Consultation Document. *(on page 14)*

To make comment on the Public Transport proposed changes please complete the selection panel below. To make comment on the whole Transport and Urban Development portfolio, please go to Q7.

### Options

Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support: *(please select one answer)*

**Option 1** – A combination of routes, fares and (targeted) rates changes: small fare and rates increases, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

**Option 2** – As Option 1 but larger rates increase, no fare increase: larger (targeted) rates increase, no fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

**Option 3** – As Option 1 but larger fare increase, smaller (targeted) rates increase: minimal rates increase, larger fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

**Option 4** – none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

### Comments:

## 3. Freshwater Management

See page 6 of the Consultation Document.

*“Freshwater management Implementing innovative solutions to manage our freshwater resource to support community use (mahinga kai, drinking water and recreation), achieve ecosystem health and sustainable economic development”*

Support/~~Oppose~~

We agree Freshwater management being a top priority for the plan but are concerned that this isn't implemented as continued support of further extraction of water from Canterbury's groundwater and rivers. Business as usual has led us to the poor state of many Canterbury rivers. Things need to change to more actions to manage/improve what the community values about our rivers and less about what consent holders and extractors want. Greater recognition and action needs to be focussed on activities that promote river and stream health by reducing sediment run off. E.g Current forestry harvesting practices are not fit for purpose in locations with steep terrain and unstable soil types.

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Freshwater Management. -

**Comments:** Support revisiting existing activities and consent conditions before consents end and inclusion of the community in planning as well as implementation. CWMS zone committees need ECAN resourcing to engage with the community and help develop solutions such as we have done with the Christchurch-West Melton Zone Committee erosion/sediment retention trials on the Port-Hills.

While supporting the extensive monitoring and reporting carried out by ECAN we would like:

- Data organized and reported as catchments. This reinforces the 'source to the sea' concept and enables communities to relate this information to their local river.
- Increased emphasis on measuring and reporting on what lives in the river such as fish and invertebrates

- Information simplified and integrated. This would make engagement with communities and community groups within the catchment easier.
- Groups such the Cashmere Stream Care Group have a lot to offer in processes of setting objectives for catchment management and should be involved in what limits are need to meet objectives.

#### 4. Biodiversity and Biosecurity

See page 8 of the Consultation Document.

Support

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Biodiversity and Biosecurity

The need for a step change in regenerating freshwater, marine biodiversity and terrestrial biodiversity has never been greater and will only increase as impacts of intensification of land use and climate change manifest. Actions need to span all of ECAN's areas of work and be co-ordinated with district councils and central government agencies. Therefore, we are disappointed that species are deemed part of other agencies responsibilities not ECAN's when species are fundamental to biodiversity. Greater emphasis and support for creation of riparian corridors to restore biodiversity in Canterbury's fragmented landscapes and freshwaters is essential. The use of eco-sourced native plants in all restoration of riparian areas should be incentivised and funded.

**Comments:** Need to measure and quantify impacts on biodiversity and implications for biosecurity risks when activities which threaten these very things are consented. Biosecurity and biodiversity should be priority areas. A step change in improvement is urgently needed. Ecan are still pushing development. The current approach cannot serve both purposes. History shows that pushed development, particularly agricultural intensification has been at the expense of Freshwater and biodiversity.

#### 5. Hazards, Risk and Resilience

See page 10 of the Consultation Document.

Support

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Hazards, Risk and Resilience.

~~I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Hazards, Risk and Resilience.~~

**Comments:**

#### 6. Air Quality

See page 12 of the Consultation Document.

Support/~~Oppose~~

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Air Quality.

~~I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Air Quality.~~

**Comments:**

#### 7. Transport and Urban Development

See page 13 of the Consultation Document.

Support

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Transport and Urban Development although I am not entirely convinced that this important social and economic element of the regional plan should remain with Ecan.

It may be more practical to have this managed by CCC

~~I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Transport and Urban Development.~~

**Comments:**

## 8. Regional Leadership

See page 5 of the Consultation Document.

Support/~~Oppose~~

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Regional Leadership.

~~I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Regional Leadership.~~

Networking for the Environment Group developed by ECAN is a great source of information sharing and collaboration between environmental groups such as ourselves and should be retained. Linkages to the Enviroschool programme should be supported and groups such as ourselves are in an excellent position to support engagement of schools with their local streams and rivers.

**Comments:** Too many permitted activities which are un-monitored how can you manage what you don't measure

## 9. Revenue and Financing Policy

See page 16 of the Consultation Document.

Support/~~Oppose~~

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I generally agree with the principles outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

~~I generally disagree with principles outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy.~~

**Comments:**

## 10. Rates

See page 16 of the Consultation Document.

Support/~~Oppose~~

Please select one of the following: *(please select one answer)*

I support the proposed total rates revenue increase of 4.5% for 2018/19.

~~I do not support the proposed total rates revenue increase of 4.5% for 2018/19.~~

**Comments:**

## 11. Supporting Policies and Strategies

Comments on any other policies or strategies in the full draft Long-Term Plan 2018-28 (see [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz)).

**Comments:** Climate change cross cutting but needs to be translated into real action to prepare for climate variation and make Canterbury more resilient to impacts. A 2% for climate change funding vote on what will undoubtedly become the most serious environmental and social problem in the future seems totally inadequate

The Healthy homes initiative is a good one and should be actioned.

**12. Meeting with Councillors to discuss this feedback on the proposed Long-Term Plan** *(please select one):*

[I would like to meet with Councillors in Christchurch](#)

~~I would like to meet with Councillors in Timaru~~

~~I do not wish to meet with Councillors~~

**13. Citizens' Panel**

*In 2018 we will be setting up a 'citizens' panel'. This will enable us to ask for input during the year from a cross section of the community. If you would be willing to be contacted about being part of the panel, please tick the box and provide your email address. Ticking the box now will not commit you to being on the panel.*

Please select one of the following:

[I am willing to be contacted.](#)

~~I do not wish to be contacted.~~

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