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Submission: Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan 2018 -2028

I do NOT wish to attend a hearing to speak to this submission.

#### Regional Leadership

I want to see ECan enforcing its own rules. You need to fund more monitoring and enforcement and take your role in maintaining our environment and waterways more seriously than recent reports on monitoring and enforcement indicate. There has been too much 'development' sometimes economic sometimes just plain stupid in the last decade and this must change. A correction is required from the focus on commercial imperatives to more on ecological.

#### Freshwater Management

As above.

Appalling record lately in allowing the degradation of the region's waterway. Call in old consents and make the extractors fit the ecological/environmental limits not the other way round. I understand from the consultation document that this is your intention and I support that.

We need good flows in our rivers to maintain the health not only of the waterways but also the survival of the wild life dependent on the rivers. I am told recent research shows that braided river birds need higher flows than was previously thought surrounding islands they are trying to breed on. When the facts are further understood we must be able to adjust our behaviour as a region to take the newer knowledge on board. We have critically endangered species and seem to think business as usual will do; not true.

Intensive farming must be monitored more carefully for impacts on the environment particularly the waterways and water bodies of the regions.

#### Biodiversity and Biosecurity

I support strongly what you are calling a 'step-change' in effort. I urge you to match this effort with funding. I await with interest what is meant by new programmes for braided rivers and wetlands and hope a correction in the balance between the current uses is part of that process. The focus has swung too far toward commercial and too far away from ecological. Some recreational pursuits need to be analysed carefully as well. 4WDs on riverbeds is a case in point. The current cultural practices around this must be challenged. You need to be more proactive, and show some leadership with this.

Good to see all the dead pines in the Craigieburn. Please step up the effort on the other weeds in that area and others. It makes sense to control weeds before they become a plague on the landscape. Do you have early detection and elimination as part of your weed control protocols?

#### Hazards, Risks and Resilience

Climate change is here and here big-time. Please step up your efforts in this area.

#### Air Quality

I support the proposed loan scheme for home heating/insulation.

## Transport and Urban Development

Seriously concerned about the direction you are going with this.

I DO NOT support the cutting of bus routes, increasing fares, decreasing subsidies and any reduction in transfer windows.

I support increasing the transfer window to at least 3 hours preferably 4. That gives a more sensible time frame for people e.g. needing to go to the city from the suburbs for example for appointments/meetings.

I support changing the size of buses and reducing frequency on less used routes but not eliminating them.

All the actions you are proposing to cut costs indicate that this strategic public service, vital in our fight against climate change, and important for the well being of many in our community is being treated like a contracted -out business with profit as the bottom line.