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My submissions are regarding items 2 and 7 of the LTP document. I do wish to be heard on this submission in due course.

Transport and Urban Development.

None of the suggested options regarding the cutting of 6 bus routes is acceptable. It is not in keeping with providing good Public transport to reduce our carbon footprint and congestion. Instead we should actively encourage PT and make it a viable option for as many commuters as possible.

PT should be integrated with cycling, offering cyclists the option of doing part of their commute by bus. Allowing bikes on the buses, instead of only to bikes on the front of buses would greatly enhance the cycling experience.

Encouragement of cycling: we are faced with a chicken and egg situation, where some commuters chose not to use their bikes due to safety concerns, yet we would see more and more cyclists if we had safer cycle options, as people are becoming aware of the health benefits of cycling. Providing safe cycling lanes and a cycle way network will actively encourage more commuting by bike, thus working towards sustainable transport solutions.

The postponement of Heathcote-City cycleway is of great concern as it affects the Port Hills suburbs as well as Sumner/Redcliffs. It should be reconsidered and prioritised.

I regularly cycle from Heathcote via Port Hills Road into town. The amount of trucks on the Port Hills Road sometimes makes for a very scary ride especially when it rains. If the plans of demolishing the AMI stadium go ahead and the resulting rubble gets transported to Lyttelton harbour, it would mean even more articulated lorries on Port Hills Road, with more potential for fatal crashes with cyclists.

Fresh water management:

I am most surprised that ECAN states we are one of the few places in the world that still have an abundance of fresh water.

It does not tally with ECAN giving permits to overseas companies to use our water wells/drill new ones and extract water for bottling, making huge profits from a scarce resource. Nor does it tally with the recent serious droughts, urban water restrictions, as well as the implementation of

chlorine to our “fresh” water. The uncontrolled growth in numbers of dairy cows in Canterbury (not so long ago sheep-country!) has contributed to excess nitrate as well as water shortage in urban areas, and dried up rivers.

We need to return to ensuring our rivers can be clean again (enforce clean up of pollution at source!) making them swimmable again and most importantly viable for the nearly disappeared aquatic life. ECAN needs to have robust enforcement and compliance mechanisms and work with Government and CCC to achieve this. **We need to protect what we still have and clean up what has been allowed to degrade.**

Yours sincerely,
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